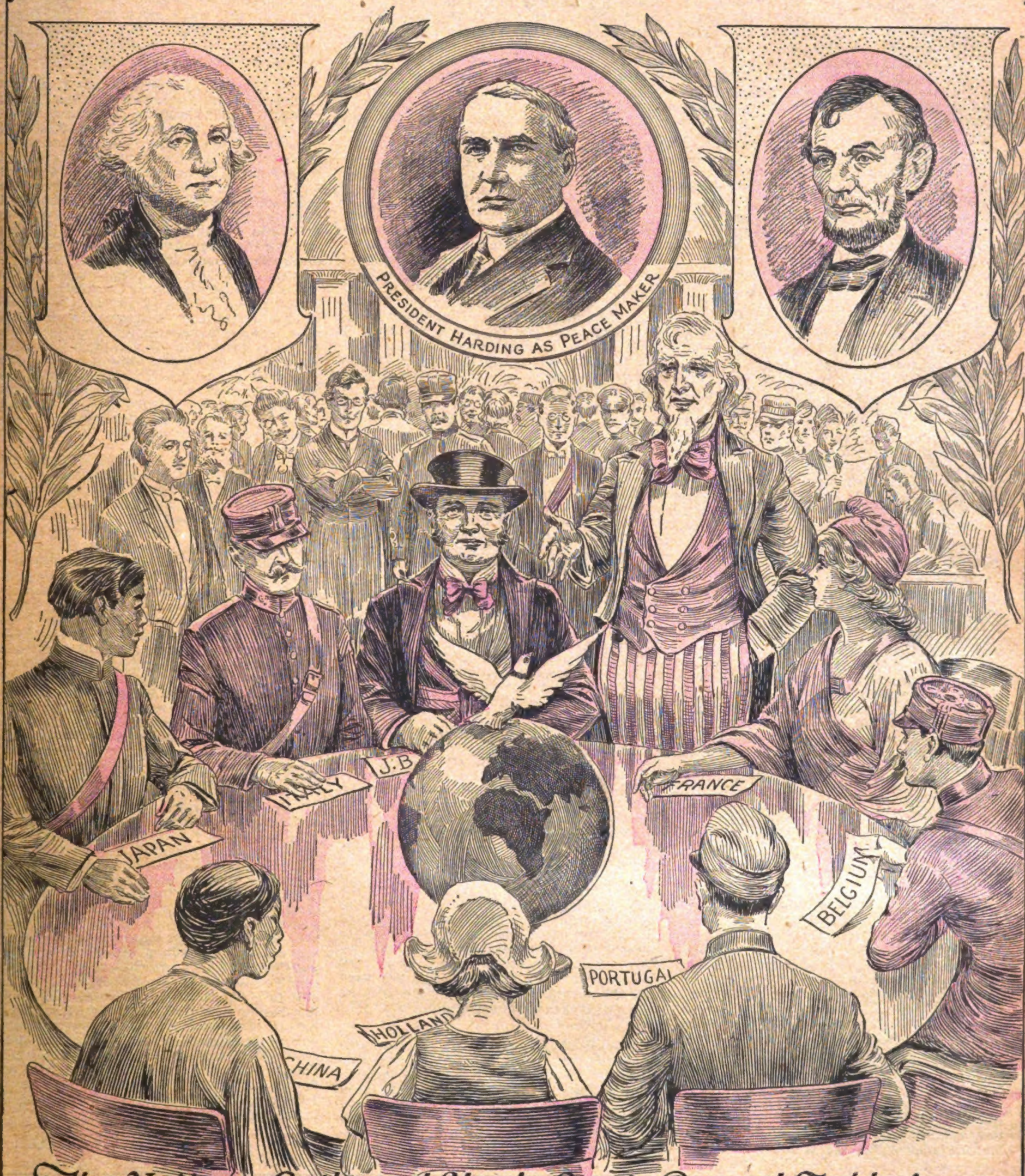


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What the Armament Conference Is Doing to Avert War through International Understanding

THE importance of the Conference on Limitation of Armament, now in session at Washington, cannot be overestimated. The war-scathed, debt-ridden, tax-oppressed peoples look to it with hope akin to despair for early amelioration of their condition, and to avert the threatened cataclysm of another world war already foreshadowed by the storm clouds that are brooding over the western shores of the Pacific Ocean. International jealousies due to bitter rivalry in attempted territorial and trade expansion, such as held Europe at hair-trigger nervous tension until it exploded into the World War, are rife in far eastern Asia where the conflicting interests of the East and the West are contending for mastery.

Although, excepting two sporadic instances of success on the American continent, all previous efforts to bring about a reduction or limitation of military and naval establishments by international agreement have failed dismally, the present Conference at Washington bids fair to pass into history as memorable for its world-wide beneficent achievement.

Why Previous Armament and Peace Conferences Have Failed

Passing without mention the many older parleys, and coming down to the famous conference of the powers that fought and finally crushed Napoleon, known as The Congress of Vienna, which assembled in 1814, after the great French Emperor's defeat and banishment, and made over the map of Europe, the record shows that on its program was a proposition to limit armaments in the interest of economy and peace, but although the victors divided the spoils of war they were too mistrustful of each other to agree on any plan to reduce or restrict armaments. The consequence was that armaments increased as national fears and jealousies grew, and the history of Europe has continued to be a shameful record of a succession of land-grabbing wars.

In 1818, three years after the adjournment of the Congress of Vienna, the world saw the first instance of an international agreement for limitation of armament in the treaty between the United States and Great Britain limiting their respective naval forces on the American lakes to a total of four small vessels not to exceed a hundred tons each, to be assigned for service, one vessel each on Lakes Champlain and Ontario, and the other two on the upper lakes. This treaty, the product of amity and mutual confidence, is still in force and has not only saved the United States and Canada many millions of dollars in expensive naval armament, but its spirit has been carried further without formal agreement so that these two countries present the unique spectacle of three thousand miles of international boundary totally devoid of any form of fortification on either side. Instead of forts and garrisons to guard the border the United States and Canada have a permanent joint Boundary Commission to settle all questions that may arise in regard to the boundary, while the frontiers of European countries bristle with extensive fortifications and big guns at every strategic point.

The only other successful armament conference was 84 years later, in 1902, when Chile and Argentine Republic, after settling their boundary dispute by arbitration instead of by war, agreed to reduce their respective navies to specified proportions by selling certain of their ships of war, and not to increase their naval forces during the next five years. As in the case of the United States and Canada, the treaty was lived up to and has been productive of permanent cordiality and mutual confidence between these two South American republics.

Europe meanwhile developed into an armed camp, and the expense of maintaining its continually increasing armies and navies grew to be so intolerably burdensome that in 1899 Czar Nicholas

II of Russia summoned the nations to "A Conference on Disarmament" (the name was afterwards changed to "Peace Conference") to be held at The Hague in Holland, the purpose of which, as stated in the Czar's invitation, was "to put an end to these incessant armaments and to seek the means of warding off the calamities which are threatening the whole world; such is the supreme duty imposed on all states." Representatives of twenty-six nations, including the United States, met, debated, and did some research work through committees, but accomplished little or nothing of practical value. For the prevention of war they proposed nothing other than general arbitration treaties the utter futility of which was painfully demonstrated by the outbreak of the World War. As to limitation of armaments, the chief object for which the Conference was called, they were unable to agree on anything except to recommend that the governments "take up the study" of the subject.

Due largely to Germany's gigantic military and rapidly growing naval establishments in connection with her inordinate ambition for territorial and trade expansion, the mental atmosphere of Europe had become, by 1907, so charged with apprehension of the imminence of a great war that the call, issued in that year, for the "Second Hague Conference" expressly stated that limitation of armament was not to be considered or discussed at the meeting. Nevertheless the American delegation brought up the subject, but the Conference refused to act on it otherwise than by repeating the useless recommendation of the previous Hague Conference. Seven years later Germany, having completed her preparations and matured her plan, sprung the World War, confidently expecting that, with the help of Austria, she would win a speedy victory. Prior to the war the attitude of Germany was enough to render general limitation of armament impossible. And since the war, although general limitation of armament is one of the stated purposes of the League of Nations, that international alliance has neither made any effort, nor proposed any plan, for accomplishing this object.

Important Factors Favorable to Success of the Washington Conference

The defeat of Germany, resulting in the loss of her navy and the enforced reduction of her military equipment to proportions that are no longer formidable, has eliminated the one insuperable obstacle that previously barred the possibility of general limitation of armament. Before the war Germany's navy was second to that of Great Britain, and growing so rapidly that it was straining the resources of the latter country to pursue her policy of maintaining her naval strength at double that of any other country—meaning, of course, Germany, whose aims she feared, and with good reason as was proved by the World War which Germany would have won but for the vast superiority of the British navy. Since the war Britain has abandoned her former two-to-one naval program, as she has no suspicion of any hostile designs on the part of the United States whose naval strength now ranks second in the world. Japan ranks third with a navy which, since the elimination of the German menace from the Far East, is larger than is warranted by her resources or required for protection of her legitimate interests. Yet she is building ships in accordance with a plan for naval increase so large as to raise a suspicion that she has ambitious designs that conflict with the proper interests of the United States.

Fortunately our country is so located geographically that it can regulate the size of its standing army without much regard to the military establishments of other nations, and as only the sea powers can reach us to do much harm the direct interest of the United States in limitation of armament applies chiefly to naval armament. Great Britain, the United States and

Japan are the only important sea powers, and as an armed conflict between these two great English-speaking nations, which would be ruinous to both and destructive of the white man's civilization, is unthinkable, Japan's ambitious naval program with her attitude as to our interests in the Pacific and her aggressive policy in China constituted the outstanding bar to reduction of naval armament on the part of the United States. Such was the situation when the Armament Conference assembled in Washington on November 12th at President Harding's invitation.

At the opening session Secretary of State Hughes, head of the American delegation, made a direct hit, and a strong one, at the pivotal problem by proposing that the United States, Great Britain and Japan consent to an immediate reduction of their naval armaments by scrapping some of their largest battleships, and accept for the next ten years a limitation that will bring the British and American navies down to a specified equal strength and restrict the Japanese navy to three-fifths the strength of either of the other two, and that they agree to a cessation of naval construction through that period except for replacement within the allotted strength. The British consented willingly and promptly, and the Japanese, after holding out a while in an ineffectual effort to get the ratio changed in their behalf from three-five to seven-ten, finally agreed to the original proposal. This arrangement is productive of two highly beneficial results; it very largely reduces the naval expenses of these three nations and at the same time operates as a practical guaranty against war between them, for it allows each a naval force sufficient for defence but inadequate for offensive operations.

In view of what has been said it does not need to be explained that this limitation of naval armament would not have been agreed to by these three powers without also arranging an adjustment of their conflicting interests in China and in the Pacific, and thereby removing the conditions there (especially the strained relations between Japan and the United States) which were as surely fomenting a World War as were the previous conditions in Europe—but with this difference, that in the case of the Pacific the United States in all probability would be the first, instead of the last, to receive the shock of battle. Aside from the menace to the Panama canal and to our important island possessions, the United States never can allow any nation, singly or in combination with others, to assume mastery over the Pacific Ocean, or to extort from China exclusive or preferential commercial privileges, as Japan has been doing by successive encroachments in defiance of what is known as the "Open Door" policy of the United States in insisting on equal rights for all nations to trade with China.

The delegates representing the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan in the Conference have agreed on a four-party treaty designed to smooth out the causes of irritation in the Pacific; and it is expected that this treaty will receive the approval of the U. S. Senate, which is necessary to make it effective. The Conference is making progress with encouraging prospects of ultimate success in the direction of rehabilitating the rights of China as a sovereign nation, including the recognition of the "Open Door" policy. Thus it appears that all the matters which most deeply concern the interests of the United States have a most favorable standing in the Conference. The problems involved in the limitation of European military armaments are being earnestly considered by the delegates of the nations most interested. They must cut down their armies or face the alternative of national bankruptcy. The Conference now expects to finish its work before February, and the final results will be discussed in our March number.

COMFORT'S EDITOR.

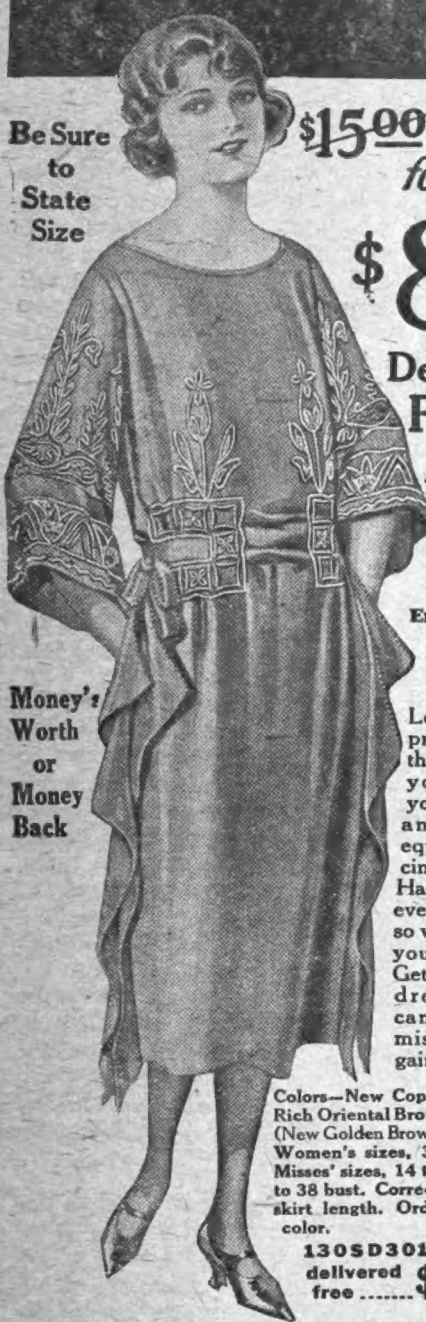
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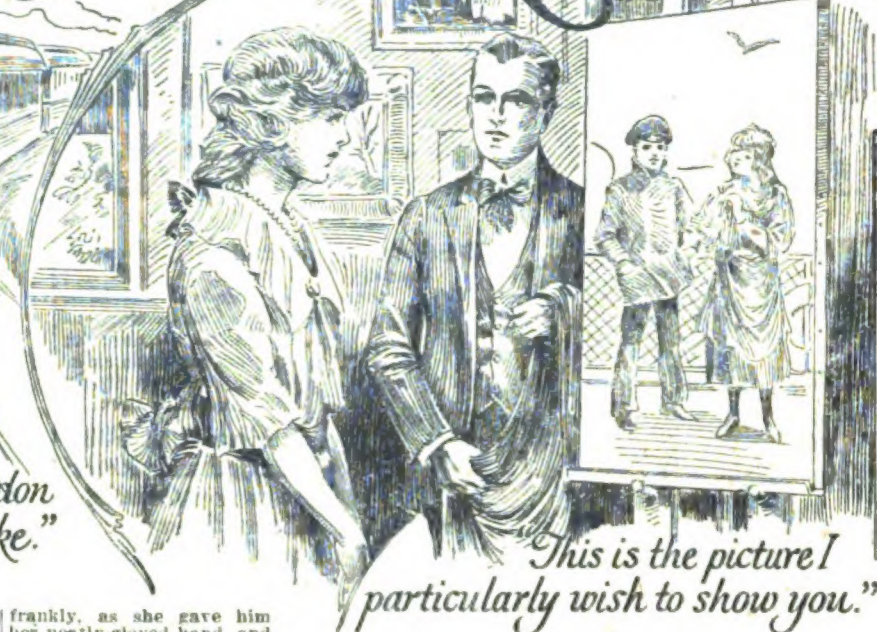
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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

A terrible storm at sea and from a steamer running between Liverpool and New York only five escape sickness. Among them is Stella Roosevelt Gladstone, an orphan and on her way to some distant relatives in New York. She is befriended by an elderly man, Jacob Roosevelt, who is startled when he learns her mother called her "Star," her grandmother giving her the name. A fire breaks out and she saves valuable papers. The boats are rapidly filled. Stella refuses to go unless room is made for Mr. Roosevelt, who the next day suffers from an ill turn and is carefully nursed by Stella. The sixth day they are rescued. Mr. Roosevelt is told of the care Stella gave him during his illness and while thanking her a young man approaches and Mr. Roosevelt introduces Archibald Sherbrooke, whose home is in Derbyshire where Star's father preached. Star's shawl becomes loosened and not finding the pin, Mr. Sherbrooke draws one, an exquisitely carved stone, from his necktie, and Stella pins the shawl and then tells the story of the wreck and her endeavor to save Mr. Roosevelt's life. Arriving in New York, Mr. Sherbrooke regrets the loss of her address—he would call before his return to England. He hopes they will meet again and will she always consider him her friend. He places a card in her hand with his address upon it. Stella, remembering the pin, passes it to him. He begs her to keep it as a souvenir. Wishing she had something to give, he will accept a lock of her hair. Stella is met by Mrs. Blunt, Mrs. Richards' housekeeper, who hurries her away, much to Mr. Roosevelt's disappointment. Stella receives a cool reception from her aunt who had written she would befriend and educate Stella until able to care for herself and learns she is to take the place of Maggie Flynn and to be degraded to the level of a common servant. Resenting it, she asks her aunt if her father, from what she wrote him, had any idea she was to come into the family as a servant. Mrs. Richards does not relent, and insists she fills Maggie Flynn's place or none. Stella appeals to Mr. Richards, giving him the letter written by her father to Mrs. Richards and her reply. Stella's father is anxious to provide a home and begs Mrs. Richards to have the care and education of his daughter, since she once professed friendship for Stella's mother in saving her life from drowning. Stella has one hundred pounds. Could she not use it and those teaching relieving the wife of all responsibility? Mrs. Richards is surprised at Stella's suggestion and Mr. Richards makes arrangements for her to attend a select school, she giving a part of each day to household work. By close application Stella wins, at commencement, a part in the class exercises and surprises Mr. Richards, who is present, by her instrumental music, essay and promotion to the senior class. He tells his wife she has done the last day's work in the house. Josephine, admiring the cameo worn by Stella, suggests she give it to her, as her wardrobe does not correspond with it. Going to Stella's room and finding the cameo, Josephine takes it and discovers the initials "A. S." Stella misses the cameo and is suspicious who has it. In the meanwhile Mr. Richards receives a letter from Mrs. Richards' Uncle Jacob. He has lost all, is penniless and will accept the home that was offered him when rich. Mr. Richards refuses to receive him, the house is full, and Mr. Richards is left troubled. Upon his arrival he is taken to the Lodge to sleep. Mr. Roosevelt meets Star who offers her room to him and does all she can to brighten his life. Mrs. Richards receives him coldly, and Josephine ignores her uncle. Mrs. Richards and Josephine go to Long Branch where they meet Lord Carroll, of Carrollton, Derbyshire, England, who appears pleased with Josephine and requests permission of her mother to call. Noticing a ring Josephine wears and examining it he sees the initials "A. S." Josephine claims it is given by a relative. Lord Carroll cannot understand it. The next day he leaves for New York.

CHAPTER XIII.

A GLAD MEETING.

BACK and forth every day from Yonkers, patiently and uncomplainingly, went Star Gladstone to her school, glad to pursue her studies and music at any cost or sacrifice.

One day, after school, Star had an errand at a music store, and was detained so long that she was obliged to hurry with all her strength to catch her train.

She entered the station breathless, just as the last bell rang and the train began to move.

Hoping to overtake it even then, she ran for it, her small feet barely touching the ground as she sped over it. She reached the last car, put forth her hand to lay hold upon the railing and spring upon the steps, when a firm grasp upon her arms from behind rendered her efforts fruitless, and a deep, rich voice said:

"Young lady, pardon me the liberty I take, but that is a very dangerous experiment."

The train was gone. Mr. Roosevelt would look for her in vain when it came in, but Star could not regret it, although she had exerted every nerve to catch it, for she would know that voice no matter where she heard it; and, with a vivid flush leaping to her cheeks, her pulses thrilling with excitement and delight, she turned quickly to find herself face to face with her whilom companion de voyage—Archibald Sherbrooke!

His face lighted brilliantly in an instant as he recognized her, for, although she had changed somewhat during the past year, growing lovelier than ever, he had never forgotten those starlike eyes, those waves of soft, golden hair shading her forehead, nor that sweetly smiling, scarlet mouth.

"Miss Gladstone!" he cried, putting out his hand to her. "I had no idea whom I was saving from committing such an act of imprudence when I saw you about to leap upon that moving train; but I am doubly glad now that my presumption prevented you from doing anything so rash, and gave me this unexpected pleasure."

"I am glad, too, for I am delighted to see you again, Mr. Sherbrooke," Star said, heartily and

frankly, as she gave him her neatly-gloved hand, and looking straight up into his handsome eyes in a way that testified to the sincerity of her words.

"I know it was imprudent to try to leap upon a moving train," she continued; "but there is some one at home who is always disappointed if I do not return at a certain hour, and so I was anxious to catch it. However, another leaves in half an hour; and, indeed, I am very glad to have met you."

She was the same, and yet not the same; she had developed wonderfully since that morning when he had parted from her on the steamer.

Her hair was still of the same beautiful golden hue as the lock which she had severed for him, and which he still treasured; her eyes were the same heavenly blue, her smile as bright and sweet, but there was an added, indescribable charm about her that made her tenfold more lovely in his sight.

"Thank you," he said, in reply to her hearty greeting; "and now, if you have only half an hour before another train goes, let us make the most of it, and find a seat in the waiting-room, where we can compare notes on the last ten months."

He led the way to the ladies' room, found a comfortable chair in a corner for her, where they could talk undisturbed, and the half hour slipped by before they had any idea that it was time for Star to go.

"There is my train," she said, suddenly starting up as the first bell rang; "I must not miss this one, or Mr. Roosevelt will surely think something dreadful has happened to me."

"Mr. Roosevelt!" repeated young Sherbrooke, in surprise.

"Yes; is it not singular? We met as strangers on board the steamer, and, after all, we were coming to be inmates of the same house, and did not know it!"

"Yes, it is strange. He was a fine-appearing old gentleman. I trust that he has recovered from the effects of his exposure at sea."

"Not entirely, and I fear he never will," Star answered, with a sigh. "His health is not very good, and his eyes trouble him exceedingly at times. They were injured by the reflection of the glaring sun in the water while we were in that open boat. We are excellent friends, and he watches anxiously for my return every day."

"Do you come to New York every day?" her companion questioned.

"Yes; I am attending a seminary in Brooklyn, and for the present go back and forth every day. But see," she added, pointing to the clock; "there is only one minute more, and I must find a seat."

He assisted her to enter and conducted her to a seat; then, extending his hand, he said, smiling:

"If you come to the city every day, I shall hope to see you again."

The ever ready color leaped to her cheeks again, more at the look he gave her than at his words.

She was upon the point of giving him her address and asking him to come out to Yonkers to see her and Mr. Roosevelt, but the train started, and she was obliged to leave her invitation unspoken.

He had only time to lift his hat, dart away and leap upon the platform, before the train was under way.

Archibald Sherbrooke not only hoped to see her again, he did see her many times after that, for he contrived to be at the station on some pretext or other, or overtake her on the way thither, every day for nearly a week, and he was always greeted with a glad look and smile. Every day she grew more beautiful in his sight; every day his eyes told her so, and these chance(?) meetings grew very sweet to them both.

"You must come out to Yonkers, some day, and see Mr. Roosevelt," Star said, upon one of these occasions.

"There, I declare, we have found so much else to talk about that I have not even told you where I live," she said, laughing.

"And I am invited out to see Mr. Roosevelt, am I?" he asked, with a twinkle of mischief in his fine eyes.

"Yes," Star returned, demurely. "I know he will be very much pleased to see you—indeed, he said so when I told him of our meeting. He remembers how good to him you were after his rescue."

"Thanks. Then I shall certainly avail myself of your invitation, and go out to see Mr. Roosevelt some day very soon," he said, with a grave bow; but his eyes told her that she would be the star to attract him thither.

"You say he remembers what transpired on the steamer. Do you remember, too, Miss Star, how you told me at parting that I should always be your friend—that you would never forget me?"

Star's glorious eyes drooped, and the quick color rushing upward, stained all her fair face to those soft yellow curls on her forehead.

"I have not forgotten," she murmured, softly.

"Neither have I, as perhaps this will prove to you," said the young man, lifting a tiny locket which hung from his watch-chain, and, touching a spring, held it up before her.

It contained nothing save a tress of shining hair, and Star knew in an instant to whom it had once belonged.

Like a flash she remembered the cameo that he had given her as a souvenir, and a choking sensation came into her throat.

She knew by the way he was looking at her—by the way he had asked her if she "remembered"—that he was wondering if she had kept his gift as he had treasured that lock of silken hair.

There was not a piece of jewelry about her

person, and he had remarked that fact the first time he met her there at the station.

"You have kept it all this time," she said, scarce knowing what to say from embarrassment, while she wondered what she ought to tell him about the cameo.

"Certainly I have kept it all this time. I urged you to give it to me, and you do not suppose I was going to cast it lightly aside, do you?"

"Perhaps not," she answered, with downcast eyes; "but I hardly thought you would keep it in—such a way; and—oh! Mr. Sherbrooke, I have lost that lovely little cameo that you gave to me."

She looked up at him now, and he noted the troubled, even pained, expression that was in her eyes.

"Lost it!" he repeated; and, although he did not intend it, his face clouded, whether from disappointment or some other feeling she could not tell.

She could not bear that he should know how she had lost it, and she felt that she was guilty of no untruth when she explained its absence thus.

"Yes," she returned. "Please do not think that I did not prize it, for I did more than I can tell you, and I hope even yet to be able to recover it."

He did not reply, but his face had grown grave, almost severe, and she imagined there was something of constraint in his manner at parting with her.

She felt that he was hurt by her seeming carelessness or indifference for his costly little gift, and bitter tears kept welling to her eyes all the way home.

This was Thursday—she had first met young Sherbrooke the previous Friday, and there had not been the slightest cloud to mar their intercourse until now, though they had met almost every day—and Star went home feeling somewhat sad and depressed.

But the next morning her sadness disappeared when Mr. Roosevelt told her that he was feeling so strong and well that he would like a change, and he proposed to go to New York and call upon their young friend.

He had given Star his address, and when she left for school on Friday morning, it was arranged that Mr. Roosevelt should go to town that afternoon, and she would meet him at Mr. Sherbrooke's studio after school and they would return together.

It seemed, however, as if everything went wrong for our young friend that day. Her thoughts were playing truant, and half the time were far away in that artist studio where Mr. Roosevelt was visiting.

When the hour came for her to join them she was her own bright self once more; and when, in answer to her gentle knock upon his door, Archibald Sherbrooke opened it to admit her, he thought she had never seemed so lovely before.

He had begun to realize that he loved her more dearly than any other object on earth, and that his heart had not really been his own, if the truth were known, since that day when they had parted on the steamer; and he had that morning come to the conclusion that the time should not be far distant when he should tell her in words of the emotions she had awakened in his heart.

"This is a pleasure that I had not anticipated until about an hour ago," he said, with a brilliant smile, as he took her by the hand and led her into the room, where she found Mr. Roosevelt reclining comfortably in a luxurious chair.

"And this," Star said, looking around her with a long-drawn breath of delight, as she noted the many beautiful paintings hanging on the walls, "is a pleasure which I had not anticipated."

"Ah! then it is my work which shall give you pleasure, rather than my society, as I had presumed to flatter myself," the young man said, ruefully, and making a comical grimace, although his eyes were looking down into hers with an expression which made her tremble.

She laughed, while a lovely color leaped to her face. But she tried to hide her embarrassment by retorting, archly:

"I suppose I must be polite, and affirm that I expect to enjoy both; but really, Mr. Sherbrooke, although I knew you were an artist, I had no idea that you painted such delightful things."

"You give me more credit than belongs to me," he answered, smiling; "but wait until you are rested, and then I have something in particular to show you."

"Oh, I am not weary. Let me look now, if you please; we have only an hour, you know!" and she began to move about the room, examining with no uncritical eye the works upon the walls.

At length they came to a corner where there stood an easel, upon which there was a picture covered with a green cloth.

Mr. Sherbrooke removed the covering, simply saying:

"This is the picture that I particularly wished to show you."

It was quite a large painting, and represented a young man and maiden standing on board a steamer, while silver-tipped waves and a deep blue sky formed a charming background for their youthful figures.

The former stood in an eager attitude, with one hand extended, a smile on his handsome lips, a gleam of wistful admiration in his honest brown eyes, while his companion seemed to be clipping a tress from a massive braid of shining golden hair that hung over her shoulders.

The fair young girl was a faithful representation of Star as she had appeared on that day,

which they both remembered so vividly, and in the act of severing that lock at his request, she stood with drooping eyes, a flush on her cheek, a half smile on her beautiful scarlet lips, a ray of modest grace in her posture, while her slender fingers daintily held braid and scissors.

Archibald Sherbrooke watched her as she gazed upon his picture, his heart in his earnest glance; while Star, although her eyes were riveted as if fascinated upon the familiar scene, could not say one word regarding it.

"What do you think of my work, Miss Gladstone?" he asked, gravely, and breaking the silence which was becoming very oppressive to him. "It—it is very—correct, I think," she faltered, with averted eyes and deepening color.

An anxious gleam shot into his eyes at her reply.

"Have I displeased you by putting it on canvas?" he asked, earnestly.

"No," she returned, somewhat hesitatingly.

"I fear I have," he said, still more gravely than before. "Do not hesitate to tell me if you are offended, and I will obliterate it with one sweep of my brush."

His eye was full of pain, a deep flush burned on his cheek, while there was a thrill in his low, earnest tone that set her pulses bounding afresh.

She glanced up at him, smiling slightly:

"No, I am not offended," she said; "but I'm afraid I appeared very foolish that day to offer you a tress of my yellow hair."

"Have I made the picture appear so?" he asked quickly.

"No; you have made it altogether too beautiful," she answered, earnestly, and then was covered with confusion at having admitted so much.

"Thank you," he said, brightly, his face clearing. "I could not do that, if I had spent twice the time I did upon it, and—bending nearer to her, and speaking in a tender tone—"It is a picture that I painted for myself alone; no one has ever seen it before, and I shall always keep it."

He covered it carefully with the cloth again as he ceased speaking.

"These are nearly all my work," he said, as she turned to look at some others; "they are the united work of an old artist, 'our master,' we call him, and of three of my friends—companion artists. We have been traveling together during the last ten months, and these pictures are some of the results of our pilgrimage. We are to return now in a couple of months, having spent our year in America both pleasantly and profitably. I trust. We had to make our headquarters somewhere, so we took this room as a sort of studio, and thus putting our work all together, 'we made' to make quite a respectable display."

"I am glad to have seen these pictures," Star said, "and to know they are all the work of my countrymen. I wish, however, that I was going back to England in a month or two," she concluded, with a sigh, and a tear springing to her eye.

"Do you?" her companion asked, eagerly. "Then you have not become weaned from your native land?"

"No, indeed," she said, earnestly. "I love it as dearly as ever, and if I live I shall go back some day to my home."

The young man bent toward her, an eager light in his eye; his lips parted as if he were about to speak, but Mr. Roosevelt, from the opposite side of the room, suddenly addressed some remarks to him, and he was obliged to turn his attention to him.

CHAPTER XIV.

"LET ME DEPICT YOUR FUTURE."

Before Mr. Roosevelt and Star left him, Mr. Sherbrooke arranged a little pleasure trip to Coney Island for the following day.

"I think I should enjoy the trip very much," Mr. Roosevelt said. "Yes, yes, Sherbrooke, thank you, we will accept your invitation," Star will, I think, be willing to shorten her home-coming a trifle, so that we shall be able to leave the city by half-past ten."

Yes, Star said she would do that; and the matter once decided, her face brightened and her eyes glowed with anticipation.

As for Archibald Sherbrooke himself, he sat down after his guests had departed, and allowed his thoughts to have their own way.

"She is as lovely as a dream," he murmured, watching her from the window as she tripped lightly along by Mr. Roosevelt's side. "I did not think, when I started for America, that I was coming to meet my fate; but so it proves. Unless I can win Star Gladstone's love, the remainder of my life will not contain much that will be worth living for. And yet there is something that I cannot quite understand about her; there is a reserve, an occasional sadness, that seems strange in one so young, while once in a while she lets fall a word which makes me fear her life is not as bright as it should be. There is something of a mystery, too, about Mr. Roosevelt. How sort of 'seedy' and neglected he looked today, and I judged, when I met him before, that he was a man of abundant means, and without a care, peculiarly."

He arose and went over to the easel, and removing the cloth, stood looking at the lovely girl with a world of affection in his handsome eyes.

"My glory-crowned Star," he murmured, "I began to love you the moment that you fell exhausted into my arms when you were rescued from the hungry jaws of death, and I will spend my life in winning you if need be. I have seen no other woman your equal during all my sojourn in America—at least, no one who has my regard."

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LOUISIANA.

DEAR LETTER FRIENDS:

I have watched from time to time for letters on divorce in our paper and have read each one with interest, and now I beg to say a few words on that subject. If it were not that I believe my life history will help others, I would remain silent, but I hope it will be a lesson to some one.

I married nineteen years ago a man I loved and one who loved me. He was a dreamer and a man easily flattered. I handled all the practical problems of the family and until eight years ago he was a successful man and a devoted father. At that time another woman came between us. I endured it for a year and at the end of that time we separated. I kept the children but he has helped support them. Today he is a failure, a nervous wreck. He married the woman but found that he did not love her. The constant drain she made on his purse and the fact that his expenses were doubled caused him to fail in business. He lived with a divided mind, his thoughts always with his children, whom he has seen only once in seven years. All of this he told me recently under heartbreaking conditions. Our oldest son who was seventeen died and his father came to the funeral. Afterward we had a talk. His grief was sharpened by the fact that his son had died regarding his father as guilty of conduct unbecoming a man, had not known nor could know what good qualities his father possessed. Thus seven years after our divorce we agreed that it had been a mistake, that it was a crime against the boy by whose coffin we met again. In my sorrow came a flash of light. I had failed. I had taken my husband for better or worse and when the worst arrived I failed him. I was not true to my marriage vow. I discarded him, separated him from his children. He was a dreamer and responded to flattery. I should have had more patience, and I say to any mother who is tempted to divorce the father of her children, have patience, keep him in the eyes of his children upright and honorable. Remember that number one rule is to think that for every fault in a human being there is a contrasting virtue. May this heart-breaking confession help some one as it is too late for me. My husband has returned to his wife and I have taken up the burden of being father and mother to our two children left. They are both girls and if possible they shall be fortified against wrecking their lives as their mother has wrecked hers.

Best wishes to all,

HEART-BROKEN.

WARRIOR, ALA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

Can't you hear me? Please let me come in. I look forward to the coming of COMFORT for then we all want to read it first. It surely deserves its name for could anyone wish for greater comfort than to open the paper, fall into a chair and devour its contents. The letters I find in COMFORT express my thoughts much better than I can. Send COMFORT to your friends for a Christmas or birthday present and after they have had it in their homes for a year they will never be without it.

I wonder if Mrs. Wallen is in school? I was left a widow at eighteen with one child. How was I to support myself and child? How was I to give the child an education? I wanted to enter school but how could I with a baby only a year old? Well, I went, but don't ask my classmates how many times I cried and how discouraged I became. I had a dear mother at home who cared for the baby, a dear father to give me encouragement, a very kind teacher and the best classmates in all the world, so who would not have succeeded under such surroundings? Now my child is in school and I am its teacher. If I had become discouraged I couldn't have given my child the advantages I am now able to give it, neither could I have the advantages I now enjoy.

The day before Thanksgiving I asked my pupils what they had to be thankful for. One little boy said he was thankful he had a good dog; another was thankful he did not have to stay after school and another was thankful he didn't have a broken leg. So we ought to be thankful for the things which we have and the things we have not.

I would like to correspond with readers between the ages of twenty-five and thirty-five.

VIRGIE LEE JOINER.

Mrs. Joiner.—Apropos of being thankful, we are reminded of the words of Mrs. Wiggs: "Don't you go and get sorry for yourself. That's one thing I can't stand in nobody. There's always lots of other folk you kin be sorry for 'stead of yourself. Ain't you proud you ain't got a harelip? Why, that one thought is enough to keep me from ever gettin' sorry for myself."—Ed.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I've been a silent reader of COMFORT for over ten years and I find it a great comforter too.

This is what I want to ask: What to do with and how to handle a jealous husband?

I do not expose my family troubles to my neighbors; in fact, I try to keep them hidden for nothing hurts my pride so much as to have anyone know that my husband and I do not get along well, and he seems to know that too. He is as good to me in some ways as any man on earth could be. He works hard and wants me to dress nicely and buys more expensive clothes for me than I buy for myself. He is always willing to help me with the cooking or washing when he is not busy, but he is always hunting for something to pout about.

If I go to a neighbor's house and stay a few minutes longer than he thinks I ought to, or go to town and don't hurry home, he will ask me if I saw such and such a man or say, "You must have found something interesting to stay so long," and he is really pestered too. He doesn't want me to go out with my women friends and can hardly stand it for me to talk

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Comfort Sisters' Recipes

WITH so many delightful holidays to choose from, February should be the most festive of all. Whether the decorations consist of a log cabin, a cherry tree and a hatchet, or hosts of hearts and fat little Cupids, it is bound to be a success. We are all patriotic, and romance, another's if not our own, appeals to us, and if the cherries and hearts are of pasteboard and the Cupid from the ten-cent store, who shall presume to criticize? It is the spirit that counts.—Ed.

BUTTERMILK DOUGHNUTS.—One cup of granulated sugar, one cup buttermilk, one teaspoon soda, one egg, one-half teaspoon grated nutmeg, one teaspoon salt, one teaspoon cream of tartar, one teaspoon baking powder, one-quarter teaspoon ground ginger and about three cups of bread flour. Beat well the sugar, egg and nutmeg, add buttermilk, leaving a tablespoon to dissolve soda in. Add other ingredients, beating smooth before adding flour. Use just enough flour to roll and handle easily. Fry in deep, hot fat.—Mrs. ROBERT ALLENDA, Springfield, Ohio.

MOLASSES DROP COOKIES.—One cup sugar, two-thirds cup shortening; mix together and add one egg, one-third cup molasses, two teaspoons soda dissolved in one cup lukewarm water and pinch of ginger. Sift in four cups of flour, stir well and drop from spoon onto greased tins. Bake in quick oven. If these spread too much, add a little more flour.—Mrs. L. M. B., Holden, Mo.

POTATO BISCUITS.—One and one-half cup flour, three teaspoons baking powder, one teaspoon salt, one cup mashed potato, one-quarter cup shortening and about one-half cup milk. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Add shortening, then mashed potatoes. Mix and turn onto floured board. Knead slightly and pat into sheet about one inch thick. Cut in rounds and bake about fifteen minutes in hot oven.—Mrs. EVA HAMMON, Los Angeles, Cal.

VALENTINE CAKES.—Stir one-half teaspoon of soda into one cup of thick sour milk, add one beaten egg and one cup of sugar. Sift together two even cups of sifted flour, one and three-fourths teaspoon of baking powder and one-fourth teaspoon of salt. Beat all together and, lastly, beat in one-eighth cup of melted butter. Pour into one large or several small round tins, reserving some of the dough for a small cake to



VALENTINE CAKES.

be baked in a round tin and cut up for the decorations. Bake in a moderate oven. When cake is cold, fill a paper funnel having a small opening with heavy whipped cream, and press the cream from the funnel into decorative shapes. Now onto the cream place in wing-fashion two half circles of cake cut from the upper crust of the small cake. In the center place a tiny cupid doll and under one arm place a small card which reads, "Be My Valentine."

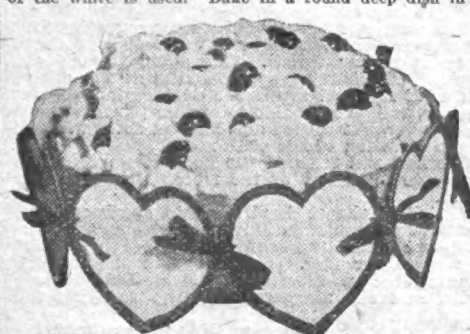
BROWN BREAD.—Two cups of whole wheat flour, three cups of corn meal, one cup of sugar, one cup of molasses, one teaspoon each soda and salt dissolved in a little buttermilk. Make batter soft enough to drop from spoon and put in two well-greased one-pound coffee cans. Place in water almost to top of cans and let steam for two hours. Then take tops off cans and place in hot oven.—Mrs. GERTIE POPE, Munford, Ala.

CINNAMON BREAD.—Beat to a smooth paste four tablespoons of sugar with an equal amount of shortening. Sift with two and one-half cups of flour, five teaspoons of baking powder, one teaspoon of cinnamon and half a teaspoon of salt. Rub the shortening mixture into the flour, mix to a soft dough with half a cup of milk and half a cup of water and stir in one cup of seeded raisins. Turn into a greased pan to the depth of one and one-half inches. Brush the top with melted butter, then sprinkle with two tablespoons of powdered sugar mixed with half a teaspoon of cinnamon. Bake twenty minutes.—Miss GLENORA CLAPPER, Grayling, Kansas.

DIVINITY FUDGE.—Put three cups of granulated sugar, one cup of water and one cup of corn syrup, and let boil until it can be formed in a hard ball in water. Beat the whites of two eggs, and pour boiling syrup into them, beating constantly. It will require beating fifteen or twenty minutes. Beat in three fourths teaspoon salt and before hardening a large cup of English or black walnuts. Turn into a square pan and cut into squares before it hardens.—RUBY BOOTH, Washington, D. C.

PRUNE SALAD.—Wash two dozen prunes, remove pits and soak prunes over night. Mix together one and one half cups cottage cheese, one quarter teaspoon salt a little pepper and one half cup chopped walnuts and stuff the prunes with this mixture. Place three or four prunes on lettuce leaf and serve with French dressing made by beating well together one third cup salad oil, two tablespoons lemon juice, one half teaspoon salt, one quarter teaspoon pepper and paprika. Pour into bottle or jar and shake well.

LEMON PUDDING WITH VALENTINE DECORATIONS.—Soak three cups of rich milk, one heaping cup of fine bread-crumbs from the soft part of the bread, and one cup of package coconut for two hours. Cook ten minutes, then add three eggs and two-thirds cup of sugar well beaten together, and the grated rind of one lemon and about one-third of an orange, taking care that none of the white is used. Bake in a round deep dish in a



LEMON PUDDING.

very moderate oven about thirty minutes. When cold, cover with a frosting made as follows: One scant cup of granulated sugar, three even tablespoons of water, and the unbeaten white of one egg put all together in the upper part of a double boiler. Have rapidly-boiling water in the lower part of a boiler when the upper part is set in. Cook seven minutes, beating constantly with an egg beater. It is ready for use and will hold its shape. Decorate the frosting with candied cranberries which are prepared by dropping the cranberries into a boiling syrup made from equal parts of sugar and water. Only let them stand in the syrup a few moments, as the skins must not break. Dry on oiled paper. Repeat process if necessary.

Decorate the dish by cutting hearts from cardboard, edging them with red ink and tying together with narrow red ribbon.



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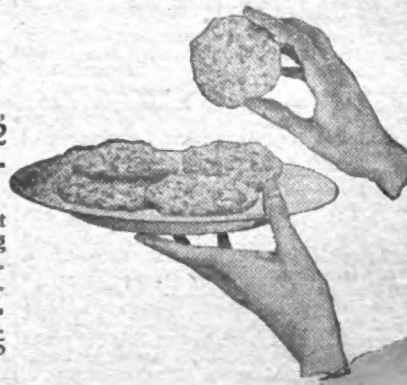
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Love Will Find The Way

by Wenona Gilman



He leaned his head on his hand and looked down on his plate.



She turned and caught him by the arm like a tigress.



"You must not mind him. He don't know what he is saying."

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Julius Beckwith, a Westpointer, Anne Gordon, wealthy, Marian Reade, companion, friend and protégée of Anne Gordon, occupy a box at the Metropolitan Opera House. The curtain falls and Beckwith admits that "Lucia di Lammermoore" has a depressing influence upon him and he cannot think of insanity without repulsion, no matter what the cause may be, and a marriage with either tainted, should be made a crime punishable by law. The next morning is Marian's birthday and deciding to go home, Anne Gordon, with a premonition that she ought to stay, exacts a promise, if any trouble comes, Marian will let her know first. Marian walks away and turning the corner meets June Beckwith and they go to the park. Remembering it is her birthday, he offers his love as a gift and asks her to be his wife. Happy in her love for June, Marian reaches home. Janet Reade, her grandmother, tells her that her mother is not dead but the inmate of a madhouse. What can she say to June? Hearing a voice, she answers to her father's call. He gives her a curious Venetian ring for a birthday gift, and questioning him where he got it he evades the answer and queries what Anne Gordon gives her. Showing the watch, her father berates Marian's friend. She might have given one thousand dollars which he needs and will have. Marian, under the horror of all she hears, forgets all her grandmother told her, even forgets June Beckwith. Later in the night, recalling her promise to Anne Gordon, she goes to her home. A light flashed from a window opposite shows a rope hung from Anne Gordon's window, and in the window her father's face. Reaching home, Marian meets her father, tells him where he has been, and for no honest purpose, and demands that he return all he has stolen. He refuses, and only after her earnest pleading does he ask what she will do for him. Little dreaming the price she must pay, she asks for nothing but to serve him and she seals the promise upon her mother's Bible. Left alone, Paul Reade decides to keep one ring. Marian writes June she does not love him and that her soul is withered as much as the flower she encloses. Her father assures her he has obtained a position in the brokerage business and rented a house down town. June is stunned upon receiving Marian's letter and welcomes his friend, Fred Underwood, who tells him Paul Reade is a most unscrupulous villain and the house he has rented is a decoy for gamblers, that Marian is not as innocent as she appears, and that she cannot believe it, and Underwood will prove it to him if he cares to go. June calling upon Anne, she tells of Paul Reade's sudden wealth, and June, knowing where it comes from, as a friend, forbids Anne to go to Marian Reade's home. Going to the reception, Underwood requests Paul Reade to introduce Marian. In the meanwhile June appears with a message from Miss Gordon. She invites Marian for a waltz which she ends with Dick Gresham, the most notorious gambler in New York. The evening ended, Marian faces her father and asks who were those people. She receives no satisfaction from his answer—he expects her to receive them with courtesy, she has sworn to obey him. Anne begs Marian to come to her for a home, to divulge the secret that troubles her and she denies she has one. June Beckwith calls upon Anne, who defends Marian and with tears in her eyes pleads with him not to condemn her. If he never loved Anne before he thinks he does now and she is willing to be his wife. Marian speaks to her father of her mother and what has kept her from Marian all these years. She must see her. Her father refuses and Marian insists. There are those who will help. Paul Reade requests Ezra Morris, whose mother is hopelessly insane and confined in a house built especially for her, to allow Marian to visit her, believing she is her mother. Returning home she cries, "will the inheritance come to her?" Dick Gresham announces Anne's betrothal to Julius Beckwith, and for several days Marian remains in her room. Again mingling with her father's guests, she is introduced to Elliott Dwight, a multi-millionaire who, by his words and manner, arouses Marian's suspicions as to his motives. She demands of her father, and before his guests, to deny that she is an inmate of a gambling house, a decoy by his will for his guests, that it is not as Elliott Dwight says. Her father's silence convinces her it is true and in her anguish Marian leaves the house. She is stopped by Fred Underwood. Her heart sinks. June believes her guilty. Underwood assures her June loves her.

CHAPTER XXI.

A DEAD HOPE.

A THRILL of warmth and life passed through Marian's heart as she listened to those low-spoken words. She bowed her head, and did not resist the directing hand of the man whom she had learned to trust in those few moments, in spite of the stinging blow which her confidence in the sex had but just received. She gave herself into his hands with a blind obedience to his will that would have touched a less sensitive man than Fred Underwood.

He did not speak to her again, but called a cab when they had reached the corner, and placed her in it. She did not listen to his directions to the coachman, but shrank back into the corner, and remained there until he took her by the arm and gently lifted her out.

The massive building before which they had drawn up was elegantly lighted, but she had no difficulty in recognizing it to be a hotel. Still, she asked him no questions, but waited in the ladies' parlor until he had secured her a room. He led her to it himself.

"I shall call for you to take you to breakfast in the morning," he said gently. "Don't go down until you receive my card. Will you promise?" She looked up at him gratefully.

"Yes," she said slowly. "That's good night." "Wait one moment. There is one thing I want to ask before you go. Did—did he—Mr. Beckwith—believe that—that awful thing of me?" Underwood hesitated. He disliked to tell her that, and yet there was nothing else to do.

"We all believed it," he answered at last, "There

was nothing else for us to believe. You must not be too hard on us. Did you not tell—Miss Gordon that you knew?"

"Knew what?" "Knew you were there among gamblers—knew that your father's associates were people of that class?"

"No." "She sent for you, did she not? She asked you to leave your home and come to live with her?"

"Yes." "And you refused, giving as your excuse that you could not leave your father?"

"Yes." "You told her that you knew of his disgrace." Marian fell back with a little cry.

"And she meant—this?" she gasped. "She knew that my father was using me for an infamous purpose, and believed that I was lending myself to it? She believed me capable of that?"

"Then to what did you refer, Miss Reade?" She hung her head, and even under that depth of misery a vivid flush colored her white cheeks.

"I cannot answer," she said hoarsely. "My disgrace and his are great enough. I cannot add to it. You have been kind to me, Mr. Underwood. You have shown me friendship when I needed friendship most, and God will bless you. Good night."

"You will remember your promise about breakfast?" She hesitated. All the old bitterness was burning in her passionate eyes again.

"Give the promise back to me!" she cried out. "It is much better not. You have saved me from a great sin—that of suicide. I promise that I will think of that no more; but there is that in my life which I can tell to no one. The shame of living among gamblers is not the only one that attaches to me, and I should be but a source of sorrow to those who love me."

"It can't do you any harm to give us time to talk this over," he answered, feeling that it was worse than useless to attempt to argue with her at that time. "You are tired and worn out. You are not fit to think, much less plan for the future. Let me come tomorrow and talk to you. I agree that I will not insist on your doing anything. It is much better for you to act under advice than to rush into something that may bring you only trouble in the future."

"You will say nothing to Miss Gordon of my whereabouts?"

"Not until I have received your permission."

"You are very good to me."

"You will wait?"

"I will wait."

"Good night. Go to bed and to sleep. You are exhausted. Don't try to think tonight. You may be perfectly sure that whatever plans you would make would be certain to go wrong in your present mental state. I shall do the thinking for you. God help you, little one!"

He closed the door upon himself without giving her time to reply, and she listened to his quick footfall as it went down the hall. Then she turned around with a little sigh and looked about her.

There was nothing wild or hysterical about her. She seemed to be half-stupefied under the blow that she had received. She sat down on the side of a chair for a few moments, then mechanically began to undress herself. She crept into bed, almost unconscious of her own act. The mental bewilderment made thought chaotic, and under the numbing effect of her terrible sorrow she fell asleep.

Underwood's card was brought her the following morning before she had finished dressing. She sent a message and joined him a few minutes later in the parlor. He had ordered breakfast in a private room, and led her there, looking down into the shadowed face with much earnestness.

"Did you sleep?" he asked, when the door of the breakfast-room had been closed upon them.

"Yes. It was singular, was it not?"

"No. A shock like that will often induce sleep. I thought you would. Are you feeling better?"

"I don't know. I had not thought of it. There is so much else to consider that there has not been time for reflection on that subject."

"Then you have thought of other things?"

"I don't believe I have."

"You have waited for me. That was right. Well, we are going to consider it all now. I am going to tell you a most astonishing thing."

He did not continue, though she looked at him questioningly, and she asked at last:

"What is that?"

"There is not a word of all that which occurred last night in the papers this morning. I have looked over every one carefully, and not a syllable of it all is in print."

"That is surprising."

"Surprising? It is a miracle!"

He leaned his head on his hand and looked down at his plate. For the first time Marian observed how pale and worn he was. That knowledge seemed to give her courage. She could not understand it; but his weariness seemed to act upon her like a tonic. She was silent for a little while, then she exclaimed slowly:

"What is there in the fact of its not being in the papers that affects you so seriously, Mr. Underwood?"

He rose suddenly and went to the mantelpiece. He leaned his elbow there and looked down in the empty grate for a moment in troubled silence, then he said, without glancing in her direction:

"It places me in the most uncomfortable position that I have ever been in in my life. There is no reason why I should not tell you, for I feel

that I can trust you. Miss Reade, Miss Gordon is the betrothed wife of June Beckwith."

He was looking at her very straight then. He was leaning against the mantelshelf, with his hands thrust deep into the pockets of his trousers. A red spot burned in either cheek, and there was a light in the blue eyes which no one had ever seen there before.

She started, but her eyes did not wander from his.

"I know it," she answered, in a low tone. "Well, the case is this: I am betraying no one's confidence, only giving my own. June loves you. Anne Gordon loves June, and—I love Anne Gordon."

"Mr. Underwood!"

Marian was on her feet, and would have approached him, but he waved her back.

"Not yet!" he exclaimed. "I am too weak for sympathy. Let me go on. June knows all this; but Miss Gordon is entirely ignorant of his affection for you. Now, this is my situation. How will it be possible for me to tell this story to Miss Gordon and June without—without—"

"Without being accused of doing it to gratify your own ends? You can't. You must not. I am sorry for you, Mr. Underwood, deeply sorry; but even if you did this thing it would only place you in a false position and do no good. Under no circumstances could I ever be June Beckwith's wife."

She dropped her head before replying.

"Why?"

"Because of the shame that attaches to me. Would you want it said of your wife that—"

"Anything, if I loved her!" he answered passionately. "What is there in all the world that can count against that? There is nothing under heaven that could separate me from the woman I loved—except my honor. I told you I was coming here today to advise you, to tell you what it was right that you should do, and instead I have come to ask advice of you. What am I to do? What are we both to do?"

"Nothing. I tell you there is nothing that can be done. We are in the hands of fate. My case is hopeless. I ask you, for my sake, to say nothing. It would but make it all the harder for me. There is nothing that I would not give up for Anne Gordon's sake. I love her as no girl ever loved her sister. I should still entreat of you to be silent, if every obstacle were removed between me and—Mr. Beckwith. What is your answer? What are you going to do?"

He turned away with a little groan and hid his face on his arm.

"Somehow I felt hope strong within me last night," he answered wearily. "But it is dead this morning. I shall be silent for the present, because I must."

CHAPTER XXII.

PAUL READE'S ADMISSION.

There was some psychic influence or some premonition of evil in the atmosphere of Paul Reade's home that evening, for it was impossible for Janet Reade to sleep. All night she tossed from side to side, fitfully dozing occasionally, but to awake with a start a moment later.

More than once it had occurred to her to get up and go to Marian's room, to see that all was well with her dear one, but then came the reflection that she would but disturb her, and she remained where she was, awaiting the morning.

But as morning broke she became more calm, and fell into a sleep from which she did not awaken until the clock was on the stroke of nine. There was a dismal oppression upon her. It seemed somehow that some horrible thing had occurred during the night, and unable to rid herself of the thought, she arose at last, dressed herself hastily, and hurried to Marian's room. The bed was undisturbed.

She could not have explained the sensation that came over her. A horror like the grip of death fastened in her throat. She stood there for a moment with dilated eyes, looking at the snowy bed as if it could give some explanation of that absence, and then, unable to endure the mute message longer, she turned and hurried down the hall in the direction of her son's room.

She had not reached the door, however, when she came upon one of the maids sitting on the stairs.

"Estelle," she said, striving to speak without excitement, "has Miss Marian gone out?"

Almost before the sentence was begun the girl was upon her feet. Something in the flushed, frightened face seemed to alarm Janet Reade anew, and she staggered slightly, catching the balustrade.

"I don't know, ma'am, anything about her," answered the maid. "I was just waiting for you to wake before going to you. Miss Marian did not sleep in her room last night."

"But she was here at nine o'clock. She kissed me good night before I went to bed."

"I know, ma'am, and it is that which frightens me. Miss Marian was here at one o'clock last night."

"How do you know?"

"I was up. I saw her go to her room. I went in this morning as usual—but she was not there."

"It is strange. Estelle, I don't know whether I dreamed it, or whether there was some excitement in the house last night. What was it?"

"An awful thing, ma'am. You did not dream it."

"What was it? Speak out."

"One of the gentlemen—offended Miss Marian."

She called her father an— an awful thing to tell you, but Marian found out that this is a— house, and—

"A what?" "A gambling house!"

There was a long silence. It seemed to Reade that every drop of blood in her suddenly grown stagnant. She could scarcely believe the evidence of her own senses.

"What is it—that you are saying?" he demanded hoarsely.

"That this is a gambling house, ma'am, was a terrible scene. I never saw anything in all my life. Miss Marian called me and every man in the house heard what she said. She went to her room after I have not seen her since."

There was another silence, a trifle longer the first; then, as if death spoke in tones of her voice, the old woman said:

"Wait for me here, Estelle. I may need you."

With tottering step she walked in the of her son's room. She opened the door a knock, and went in.

He was sitting beside a table with a brandy before him, his disheveled hair and eyes telling their own story. He looked up, his face growing hard and cold as he recognized her.

"Paul," she said faintly, "what have you with Marian?"

"What have I done with Marian?" he asked. "Nothing. I have done nothing with her, but she has ruined me! Ruined me! I have not dared to even look at her. There is not a human being that will ever these doors again as long as I live. Can I have never had anything but torture and her infernal mother since—"

"Hush! You shall not speak like this presence. All the torture that you have of your own making. If you are ruined it was a ruin that you have brought upon yourself. Paul Reade, is it true that the place you have taught your daughter and you to call home is a gambling-house?"

"Yes!" he cried defiantly, and with a start of a rabid dog. "Yes!" So she has! Well, she told the truth. It is a gambling house. I had her here for the entertainment of my friends. I had her here to attract the world would not have been attracted by play, came because she was beautiful, and she not refuse to play after they had accepted hospitality. Now you know. Are you bettered?"

She did not reply. She could not. The old face was set and cold. She was against the wall, looking at him as if she scarcely believe the evidence of her own ears. There was a long silence between them during which Paul Reade poured out a brandy and drained it. She did not remove with him. It is doubtful if she even though her eyes were fixed upon him.

She did not know how long she stood there, she saw that there was nothing further gained from him. She turned away weakly tottered to the door. When she had reached she paused with her hand on the knob, and to him again.

"Do you know where Marian is?" she asked without a word of reproach.

"Isn't she here?"

"No."

"Then I suppose she has gone to the friend of hers who is the cause of all these notions that she has got into her head. I suppose she has gone to tell Anne Gordon that scoundrel her father is."

Janet Reade did not wait for the conclusion of the sentence. She had heard enough. A frenzy was upon the now thoroughly excited man.

He got up and staggered after her. He opened the door, which she had closed behind her, and called out with one of those laughs that only a drunken man can produce:

"Go there and find her, old lady! Give her my love! And be sure, when you are there, to tell Anne Gordon that it was she stole all her pretty jewels. Tell her that she will call for it, I will give her back the beautiful ring that I kept from the lot. Tell her that Marian, her beloved friend, was the sweet girl who persuaded me to return them."

She turned and caught him by the arm like a tigress.

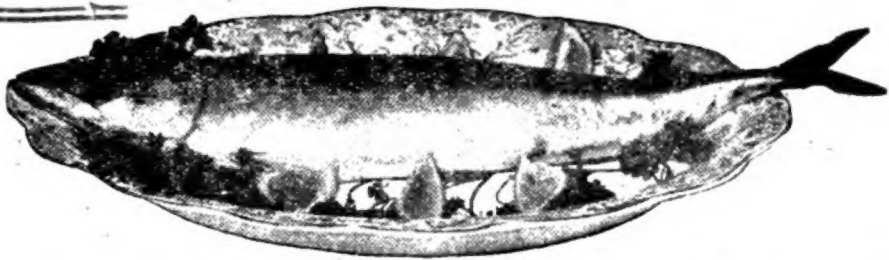
"What is that you are saying?" she demanded hoarsely.

"The truth!" he cried, with another of those fiendish laughs. "She never told you? She stole her. Well, she stole the jewels, and I saw her do it. She forced me to return them; but I forced her, in return, to come into the house with me. She did not know what was, or she would not have come to have saved from the penitentiary. That is like her love. I got even with her for making me give them up. I got even with her! I got even with her!"

He turned and reentered the room, continuing to repeat the sentence, and laughing all the time like a maniac. He slammed the door behind him, and she heard him still going over the words as one hears in a dream.

The horror of it all had stunned her. She did not move, when the same maid who had spoken to her in the hall advanced and placed her hand gently on her arm.

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Fish as a Winter Food

By Violet Marsh

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IN most parts of the country, fish is a very safe food in winter as the cold weather aids materially in keeping it fresh while in transportation and in storage. Much of the fish caught in a freezing temperature is at once spread and allowed to freeze hard before it is packed for shipment, and arrives in our markets in this condition. Frozen fish, if it has been kept frozen, is uninjured, and if carefully thawed in very cold water will have all the flavor of freshly-caught fish. It must be removed from the water as soon as the frost is out of the fish, and wiped dry, for if allowed to soak the flesh loses its hard, firm consistency, will be flavorless and break to pieces while cooking.

Those who find difficulty in obtaining fresh fish in winter may safely resort to the smoked, salted and canned varieties, salmon being the most valuable among the latter. Salted mackerel is usually packed in half barrels and shipped to all parts of the country, and in this particular fish is found our most valuable preserved variety for winter use, as its high content of fat protects it against loss of nitrogenous material through salting. Fish containing little or no fat must not be relied on for nourishment when once it has been either dry salted or soaked in brine, and should be served with an egg or drawn-butter sauce made with milk. Salt fish should be soaked in fresh cold water, with the skin side up, to draw out the salt. Over night is none too long, and sometimes as long as twenty-four hours is necessary.

Smoked salmon and whitefish are favorites among the cured varieties and are delicious and appetizing. To prepare the whitefish, cover with boiling water and let it remain fifteen minutes, then remove all the bones, cover again with boiling water and keep just at the boiling point for ten minutes. Salmon is prepared in the same way, except that it is sliced before soaking and should stand a little longer in the boiling water. Both kinds may then be flaked, mixed with an egg or butter sauce. It also makes a delicious dish when escalloped with bread-crumbs, or rice

STEAMED CANNED SALMON.—Drain one large can of salmon, saving the juice. Pick into small pieces, mix with one-half cup of light cream, two well-beaten eggs, one cup of freshly-boiled and mashed potato, one-half cup of fine biscuit crumbs, one-half teaspoon of salt and a little pepper. Stir with a fork. Turn into a brown-bread tin, or small pail having a tight-fitting cover and steam one hour. Serve with a sauce made as follows: On the back of the stove in a sauce-pan melt two tablespoons of butter, smooth in three tablespoons of dry flour, and when it bubbles add one and one-half cup of hot liquid, using the fish juice and enough milk to make up the quantity. Add salt and pepper to taste, and lemon juice, chopped pickle or other acid to give a bright flavor.

SALT MACKEREL.—Soak in cold water, fish side down, from twelve to twenty-four hours, changing the water occasionally. There are three satisfactory ways of cooking salt mackerel: boiling, broiling and baking.

To boil, cover well with cold water, slowly bring to a boil and keep at a simmering heat until it flakes.

To broil, wipe dry, lay on a well-greased broiler, and cook over a bed of hot, bright coals, first cooking the flesh side a little, and turning frequently. Have ready some melted butter to which a little pepper has been added and pour it over the top.

To bake, lay in a baking tin that is only a little larger than the fish, sprinkle with a little pepper and bread-crumbs, cover with either milk or strained tomato and bake in a hot oven.

SALT CODFISH BALLS.—Soak one cup of raw salt fish over night in cold water. Drain and pick into inch pieces. Pare and cut into several pieces enough raw potato to make about three cupfuls. Put the potatoes and fish into a stew-pan with the fish on top, add boiling water until it reaches nearly the top of the potato, and boil until the potato is done. Drain well, mash fish and potato together and beat until light with two tablespoons of butter and a little pepper. When partly cool, add one well-beaten egg and beat hard. With the spoon, shape each ball a little and place them in a wire basket and fry in smoking hot fat until a golden brown. Only do a few at a time as they cool the fat quickly. Combined with boiled turnips cut into strips, and boiled beets, you have a "tasty" dinner.

SMOKED SALMON.—Cut into thin slices, soak several hours in cold water, drain, cover with boiling water and let stand at a simmering heat twenty minutes. Drain, pick into fine pieces and add to it a hot white sauce well seasoned with butter.

Another delicious dish is to mix four unbeaten eggs, four tablespoons of milk stirred smooth with one of dry flour and one cup of finely-picked salmon prepared as above. Beat together with a spoon, put two tablespoons of butter into a frying-pan and pour in the mixture. Stir continually over not too hot a cover until the egg is

creamy. Serve on hot buttered toast or with baked potatoes.

Other Seasonable Recipes

VENISON ROASTED AND BROILED.—Venison is one of the most easily digested meats, and is highly recommended for invalids. The usual way of roasting is after the rule for roast beef, and should be cooked rare as it dries and loses its flavor from hard cooking. In Virginia, the favorite way is to wash the roast in a weak vinegar water and then thoroughly rub with warm fat. It is then covered with a well-greased paper, and over this a flour-and-water paste is spread. It is again wrapped in greased paper and allowed to stand until the following day when it is roasted between closely-fitting pans on a rack. Cover the bottom of the pan with boiling water but do not allow it to reach the rack. The oven should be hot. A ten-pound roast should cook about two and one-half hours. When about half done, baste thoroughly every fifteen minutes, and when nearly done remove the papers and baste with currant jelly that has been melted with three times the amount of water, or with cider.

after first dredging with flour and a little salt. In broiling venison for the sick, carefully trim and wipe with a wet cloth. Grease the broiler with venison fat and broil over hot live coals, turning every ten seconds.

QUICK SALAD DRESSING.—Into the bottom of a bowl put the unbeaten yolks of two eggs. Mix together one teaspoon of dry mustard, one tea-

spoon of sugar, one-eighth teaspoon of black pepper, a dash of cayenne and one teaspoon of salt, and add to the egg with two tablespoons of vinegar and two tablespoons of lemon juice. Beat hard with a spoon until thoroughly blended. Now take the egg beater and gradually beat in one and one-half cup of salad oil, beating until light and stiff.

APRICOT WATER ICE.—Pour two cups of boiling water over one cup of sugar, bring to a boil, cook eight minutes and set away until cold. Mash half a can of apricots through a coarse sieve, eliminating the skins, and add to syrup. Pack and freeze the same as ice-cream.

BOILED RICE WITH MOLASSES SAUCE.—Wash one cup of rice through several waters until all the loose starch is removed, and drain it. Have five quarts of water boiling hard, add one teaspoon of salt, and slowly drop in the rice. If the water ceases to boil at any time, stir the rice gently from the bottom of stew-pan with a fork so not to break the grains. Boil rapidly for about twenty-five minutes. Drain rice through a colander, cover it with a cloth, and set the colander over hot water where the rice grains will swell and keep separate. If desired, seedless raisins that have stood in hot water twenty minutes may be added to the drained rice.

SAUCE.—One cup of good molasses, one-half cup of water and two tablespoons of vinegar cooked slowly for ten minutes. Two minutes before the sauce is done, add half a cup of small seedless raisins that have been soaked for five minutes in boiling hot water and well drained.

DATE TAPIOCA.—In a double boiler bring one cup of milk to a scald, then stir in one and one-half tablespoons of granulated tapioca and one-third teaspoon of salt, and cook twenty minutes, stirring frequently. Beat one egg, add four tablespoons of granulated sugar and stir into the tapioca. Cook three minutes then stir in one-third cup of dates that have been skinned, stoned and cut into small pieces, and pour into serving dish. Serve with a lemon sauce made as follows: Cream one-third cup of butter with three-fourths cup of sugar mixed with one and one-half level tablespoons of flour. Pour over it one and one-half cup of boiling water, stir smooth and cook eight minutes. Add one small lemon cut into thin slices without peeling. Remove the seeds. Let stand fifteen minutes without further cooking.

APPLE SLUMP.—Into the bottom of a deep sauce-pan that will cover tightly put five apples, peeled, cored and cut into eighths, adding one-half cup each of molasses and sugar, one-eighth teaspoon of salt, one-fourth teaspoon of grated nutmeg, and about half a cup of water. Cook hard without stirring until the apples are about half done, then add soft dumplings made as follows: One cup of flour, one rounding teaspoon of baking powder, a little salt and one teaspoon of butter. Mix with milk to the consistency of a soft biscuit dough. Drop in spoonfuls onto the apple mixture, cover tight and cook twenty minutes without lifting the cover. The amount of water used will somewhat depend on how juicy the apples are. Dish dumplings onto deep serving dish and pour over the apple and juice. Serve with whipped cream.

RAISIN-APRICOT PUDDING.—One cup of washed seedless raisins, one cup of drained canned apricots from which the skins have been removed, and one-half cup of water. Bring to a boil, and thicken by stirring in one-half cup of sugar which has been thoroughly mixed with two tablespoons of corn-starch. Cook five minutes, add the juice of half a lemon, one-half cup of apricot juice and a pinch of salt. Beat until smooth and set away to cool. Add more sugar if necessary. Pour the mixture into a pudding dish, and cover with a rich biscuit dough made of one cup of flour. Dot with butter. Bake in a hot oven until brown. Serve with a sauce made as follows: Into a double boiler put one cup of marshmallows, and when thoroughly softened gradually beat in one-half cup of rich milk or cream and one teaspoon of vanilla. Serve cold. Sweetened and flavored whipped cream is also delicious with this pudding.

RASPBERRY FLUFF.—Put one pint of canned raspberries through a sieve to remove the seeds. Add the juice of one orange, one tablespoon of lemon juice and one cup of sugar. Bring to a boil and simmer until thick, stirring frequently. Pour the fruit onto four stiffly-beaten egg whites, beat well together, and pour the mixture into a deep earthen baking dish. Bake fifteen minutes in a hot oven and serve at once with whipped cream.



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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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to any of the men of the neighborhood, especially if they are single, and all this in his presence even. I can't treat my neighbors and company as nice as I'd like because he gets mad, and acts so that he hurts my feelings and wounds my pride. I try not to notice it but my friends ask me why he acts that way. Now I have tried being kind and patient with him but the kinder I treat him the worse he gets. I have talked the matter over with him in a good way and told him that he was making my life miserable as well as his own. Just last night, our little boy, five years old, was invited to a children's party and asked me to go with him, but I got him ready and let him go with some children living near, just to prevent a fuss. I have been thinking of that all day for I know mothers and fathers should put with their children and make them feel that they are interested in their pleasures. He was the sole cause of my refusal to accompany my boy. He didn't say a word but began to pout the minute the child mentioned going for he thought I was going with him. I have tried going to places whether or no but there is always a big fuss when I come home. I have even tried playing jealous and making a fuss but nothing seems to do any good. I have stood this seven years and am willing to stand it longer if any of the sisters can give me any encouragement that he can be broken of the habit. I'll do my best. He says he loves me and that I do not care for him or I would be jealous too. He is wrong, for I do love him very much but his jealous heart and lack of confidence is turning me from him. Please help me if you can. I am twenty-three years of age and he is fourteen years my senior. LENA.

Lena.—That husband of yours is too much of a problem for me but maybe someone who has had a similar one can tell you what to do.—Ed.

KENTUCKY.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS: Do you, my dear friends, think it is a sin to tell a falsehood in order to keep down some great trouble? Also what do you think of "love at first sight"? This may seem a foolish question but I would like to know if true love ever does come at first sight? I have never had the courage to write before for I knew there are many letters more interesting than mine. I live on a small farm in Kentucky. Am five feet, six inches tall, dark brown hair and eyes and am eighteen years of age. KENTUCKY LASSIE.

Kentucky Lassie.—My, such a lot of subjects you have given us to talk about. We'll see what the rest think about them.—Ed.

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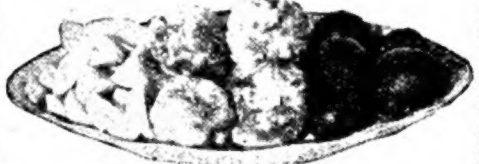
DEAR COMFORT SISTERS: This is my first attempt to get into the corner and I truly hope someone will hear me knocking and open the door. I've taken COMFORT for years; that is, I've read it for years as known in my family has taken it when I haven't. The Sisters' Corner is my favorite. I am at present corresponding with two of the sisters and enjoy their letters so much that I catch myself watching the mailman closely when it is time to hear from them.

I have come for help. I've seen many helpful ideas in COMFORT but don't remember anything about the sisters entertaining their club. I belong to a club of young married women, none over thirty years, and there are eight of us. We are known as the "Daisy Club" and meet once every two weeks, on Friday night. We meet at night because our Johns, Bobs and Freds take care of the youngsters for us. We look forward to an evening free from household duties and care of children. We always have contests, two of them, play a game or two, then have lunch of not over two eatables and a drink. It doesn't cost very much that way and we aren't allowed to go beyond one dollar for the four contest prizes. Fifty cents for first and ten cents for second and twenty-five cents for one and five cents for another. We are getting to be great bargain hunters, trying to get something nice for the money we are allowed to spend. It is fun, trying to get a better bargain than someone else. I won a box of writing paper at the last club meeting, and a small crocheted dolly.

I would like to have the sisters tell me of any contest, not too hard, and games that we might play at our meetings. We have had all the books in our Public Library treating on the same and we are slowly but surely running out of contests and games.

To change the subject, I wonder if anything can be done to cure my two boys of fighting. One is eight and the other six and from the time they get up in the morning until they go to bed at night it's nothing but quarrel. I hate to have them grow up with a habit of that kind and they are also setting a bad example for their little two-year-old brother. Will some of the sisters that have had experience in breaking their children of this habit, write and tell me how it was done? Don't tell me your children never fought; I hate to think that mine are the only ones that never do that. But wouldn't it be heavenly if none of us ever quarreled.

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FISH-BALLS, TURNIPS AND BEETS.



FRYING FISH-BALLS IN DEEP FAT.

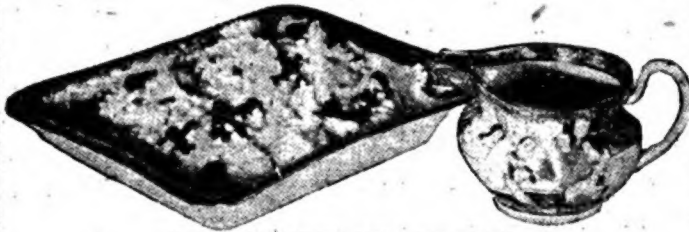
and strained tomato. The addition of a few left-over peas or carrots makes an appetizing combination.

As the juices of all fish flesh are alkaline, it is well to use either lemon juice, tomato sauce or vinegar as a neutralizing agency. Of these three acids probably that of the lemon is the most valuable. Long before these days of dietetic research, sailors knew that lemons were an unfailing preventive of scurvy, and in some countries vessel owners were compelled by law to carry a sufficient supply of this valuable fruit for every man aboard ship. Canned tomato is also used for a like purpose when men are dependent on a diet lacking in fresh foods. Vinegar should be used sparingly, for while it contains a valuable acid, it is more or less irritating.

Recipes for Cooking Fish

TUNA LOAF.—Pick into small pieces one full-sized can of tuna fish and with a fork mix it with three tablespoons of either cream, or canned milk, one cup of soft biscuit crumbs, one tablespoon of spicy chopped pickle, one-eighth teaspoon of white pepper, one-half teaspoon of salt and two well-beaten eggs. When well blended, turn onto a lightly-floured board and shape into a loaf, then roll in fine stale bread-crumbs. Place very thin slices of salt pork or bacon in a baking tin, lay the loaf on them, dot the top with butter and bake in a moderately hot oven thirty minutes. Serve with a well-seasoned white or egg sauce.

BAKED FISH.—Use whitefish, bluefish, flounder or other fish not rich in flavor nor fat. Clean and split down the back. Wipe dry. Make a mixture of one-fourth cup of salad oil, two tablespoons of lemon juice, one-half teaspoon of scraped onion, a small pinch of poultry dressing, salt and pepper. Spread over the fish, let it stand one hour, giving it an occasional basting and turning. Dip in bread-crumbs, pour a little strained tomato over the top and bake in a hot oven. If the fish appears to be drying, add a very little hot tomato occasionally.



BOILED RICE WITH MOLASSES SAUCE.

The steak should be cut fully one inch thick and broiled four minutes.

BROWNED CHESTNUTS.—Large Italian chestnuts are the best for this purpose. On one side of each nut make two incisions which cross each other. Cook in boiling water to cover for thirty-five minutes, or until soft when pierced with a toothpick. Drain and remove the shells and under brown skins. Have salad oil in a sauce-pan, pour in the nuts and brown while constantly turning and moving them about. Sprinkle with salt as they are removed from the hot oil.

QUICK SALAD DRESSING.—Into the bottom of a bowl put the unbeaten yolks of two eggs. Mix together one teaspoon of dry mustard, one tea-

spoon of sugar, one-eighth teaspoon of black pepper, a dash of cayenne and one teaspoon of salt, and add to the egg with two tablespoons of vinegar and two tablespoons of lemon juice. Beat hard with a spoon until thoroughly blended. Now take the egg beater and gradually beat in one and one-half cup of salad oil, beating until light and stiff.

Of the world's oyster crop, approximately five-sixths come from the Atlantic Coast of the United States.

Cubby Bear's Pride

By Lena B. Ellingwood

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CUBBY Bear was on a visit to his little cousins, Bonniebelle and Jackie Bear, and one evening they all went out for a walk with Uncle Bear, to see Silver Waterfall by moonlight.

On their way home, they were crossing a broad, smooth road, when Cubby exclaimed: "What is that I hear? Oh, oh, I believe it is one of those awful creatures I saw once before—yes, I can see its great eyes of fire now, coming this way along the road!"

"Yes, yes!" cried Uncle Bear, "it is a frightful monster-o'-squeal! Quick, quick, hide here among the bushes!"

"Honk, honk, ho-o-onk!" shrieked the monster, as it rushed toward them.

They were nearly blinded by the bright light, but were all out of its way as it sped past.

"We can leave the road now," said Uncle Bear, as they stood watching the red light disappearing down the road, "our way lies back through the good, safe woods again." He crossed the road leading Jackie and Bonniebelle, then turned to see if Cubby followed.

But Cubby was looking at something in the road which the others had not noticed.

"Come and see what I have found," he said. "The monster must have thrown it out here. What can it be?"

They turned it over and looked at it on all sides, but could not tell what it was.

"We will carry it home, anyway," said Uncle Bear. "Perhaps it could be used for a chair, or a footstool."

In the morning, they showed the object Cubby had found, to Auntie Bear.

"What can it be?" she asked. "It is pretty—so smooth and brown, just the color of the leaves on the ground when the snow goes off in spring."

"It's something for me to jump over," said Jackie, who liked to boast. "I will set it up on end, the highest way, and show you how I can jump. Watch me!"

He tried, but instead of clearing it, his hind paws struck against the top, and over it tumbled, Jackie with it.

He started to scream, but stopped in the midst of a howl, for in the fall, the fastening which held the cover of Cubby's new "footstool" had burst apart. The suitcase, for that is what it really was, lay open on the floor. The bears all gazed in wonder at its contents.

"Oh, the pretty, pretty things!" cried Bonniebelle.

Together they examined the treasures, filled with delight and amazement, and spent a happy morning dividing them.

Uncle Bear had a fine coat, Auntie Bear a quantity of handkerchiefs, Bonniebelle was overjoyed with a silver-backed mirror, and Jackie had stockings and a necktie.

They insisted that Cubby Bear should keep more than the others, because he was the one who found them. He had a beautiful yellow gold wrist-watch, a pair of shiny black shoes, four high, stiff white collars, a red-covered book, a magazine with pictures inside, some kid gloves which were too small for his paws, a hair brush, a pair of dark-colored goggles, a white vest and a straw hat with a blue band.

Two days later, his visit ended, Cubby started for home.

"Have you seen Cubby Bear since he came home from his visit?" asked Chirpy Chipmunk of Shinyblack Crow.

"No," answered Shinyblack Crow. "Why do you ask?"

"He is so changed!" said Chirpy solemnly. "And he has such fine things to wear! He will not play with his friends any more—perhaps for fear of spoiling them, but I suspect it is because he has grown proud."

"But that is not like Cubby Bear," objected Shinyblack Crow.

"Ah, but wait till you see him all stylished up so grandly!"

Just then Bunny Rabbit came along, wiping a tear from his round right eye with the tip of his long left ear.

"What is the trouble?" asked Chirpy.

"Oh, faltered Bunny Rabbit, "I just met Cubby

Bear, and he—he was not kind to me. We have been friends for always, but now, he looks through his dark goggles and will hardly speak."

"Did you say he wore goggles?" asked Shinyblack Crow. "Perhaps he cannot see well with them, and did not know who you were."

"Hush!" whispered Chirpy. "He is coming this way now."

"Then I shall go," said Bunny Rabbit, and hopped off rapidly.

Shinyblack Crow watched Cubby curiously as he

the next few days but Cubby Bear's new possessions, and his pride.

"I asked him to play with me," said Racky Coon to a mournful group of the little forest people, "but he only said, 'It might take the shine off my shoes.'"

"I know what we will do," said Minnie Mink; "I invite you all to a jolly play-party near Mamma Bruin's house, right now! I shall not invite Cubby Bear. Let him be stuck-up with his fine new things if he wants to—we will not let it



TOGETHER THEY EXAMINED THE TREASURES, FILLED WITH DELIGHT AND AMAZEMENT.

came along. He was certainly changed. He hobbled along painfully in the stiff, shiny shoes, holding his head carefully erect to keep his new hat, which did not fit him, from falling off. He stopped, and anxiously brushed a spot of dirt from his white vest. Under one arm he carried a red-covered book.

"Good morning, Cubby," greeted Shinyblack Crow.

"Ah—how do you do?" replied Cubby, and walked slowly past them, holding up his wrist so they would be sure to see his new watch.

"You see?" said Chirpy.

Little was talked of in the Pleasant Forest for

spoiled all our fun. Come!" and Minnie started for her party, beckoning them all to follow.

They missed Cubby's help in their games, but kept at them, nevertheless, with much noisy laughter.

Shinyblack Crow, watching closely, saw the curtain at Mamma Bruin's window move a little, and Cubby's face peeping out wistfully from behind it. He hopped away from the others, and going to Mamma Bruin's door, tapped gently.

Cubby Bear opened the door.

"I have come to talk to you," said Shinyblack Crow, and stepped inside.

"Minnie Mink is having a party," he began,

"and you are not there. Were you invited?"

"No," faltered Cubby.

"Do you know why?" asked Shinyblack Crow.

"No," said Cubby again.

"Well, then, I will tell you," said his caller. "First, let me ask you a question. Am I your friend, or not?"

"Oh, yes, indeed!" cried Cubby heartily. "You have helped me many and many a time when I needed a friend."

"Well, then," went on Shinyblack Crow, "I want to help you now, for you need a friend worse than you ever did before."

"What do you mean?" asked Cubby.

"You are in danger of losing all your friends," said Shinyblack Crow solemnly. "You have hurt and grieved them all, and for what? Because you have some fine new clothes, and it makes you look down on the rest of us. I am surprised at you, Cubby Bear. Do your new clothes make you happy? You do not look so!"

In truth, he did not. He stood looking down at the floor, and his lower lip was trembling.

Suddenly he threw out both his paws.

"No," he cried, "I am not happy! At first I was, and felt very grand walking past you all, showing off my new things. But now—now I would rather be out here playing with the others than to own so many fine things and be alone."

Old Grandma Bear, in the next room, had been listening. "I can tell you how to be happy again," she said. "Divide with your friends, and let them see that you still love them."

A great wave of shame rolled over Cubby Bear. He had not given even Grandma Bear anything from his treasures! He had not thought of it.

"I want to give you something first," he said, running into her room. "What would you like best?"

"The magazine," Grandma Bear told him promptly. "I love to look at pictures."

So Cubby gave it to her, with a kiss, then turned to Shinyblack Crow.

"Now let me give you something," he offered. "Come and look the things over."

"I need nothing," said Shinyblack Crow. "My feathers are all I want to wear. I could not fly so freely up in the sky if I had to carry any of these things about with me."

Cubby Bear brushed his hair carefully, put on his white vest, and fastened on his wrist-watch. Then he gathered up his arms full of treasures, and went out, Shinyblack Crow following.

"I am going to Minnie's party," he said.

Cubby was wearing his old-time smile of friendliness as he went toward the group of little woods people.

"I have some presents for you," he told them. "Here, Minnie Mink, is a book with a pretty red cover, for you."

They crowded eagerly around him.

"And you may have these shiny shoes, Mollie Woodchuck."

Wollie pulled on the shoes, and walked back and forth in great delight.

"Nicest things I ever owned!" he cried. "I shall polish them every day with soft moss."

Cubby gave the dark goggles to Wise Owl, and the gloves to Racky Coon, whose paws are much like hands. He had just finished giving something to everyone there, when Dr. Squilly Porcupine joined the group. They all showed him their gifts, chattering excitedly.

"Now something for Squilly!" they cried.

Dear, dear, what should he give? The white vest would be too large, and the straw hat Squilly could not possibly wear. Surely he could not part with his beautiful wrist watch!

Squilly Porcupine stood looking at him, smiling hopefully.

"Something for Squilly Porcupine," said Minnie Mink.

"Yes," said Cubby Bear at last. "Yes, I have just the gift for Dr. Squilly—this shining, beautiful thing on my wrist. He needs it to look at when he counts the pulse of his patients. Hear it talk—it will tell him how fast their hearts are beating. Hold out your wrist, Squilly, and I will fasten it on for you."

They all thanked Cubby Bear joyously for their gifts, and as he smiled upon them he felt a warm glow in his heart.

No more was he alone—shut off from the others—they were all his friends, and life was happy once more.

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Uprightness is a creed that can be universal.

They are too wise who never stop to wonder.

He is the best served who can wait on himself.

What we call years are but moments of Time.

A wealthy man is a man who has saved money.

Try to keep an open mind and an even temper.

To behold suffering without pity is a great offense.

We may be neither wise nor great, but we may be kind.

One truth a man lives is worth a thousand he only utters.

Men who have the least experience often give the most advice.

Genius is the working of the fully-emancipated spirit of man.

Kindness is more than righteousness and tenderness more than duty.

If we despise our fellows we are sure to misapprehend their conduct.

Rough hands grow gentle when they touch the heads of little children.

Yesterday is for contemplation, today for action, tomorrow for anticipation.

Injury to one should concern all, for whoever harms a brother, harms brotherhood.

The mother of the useful arts is necessity; and that of the fine arts is superfluity.

Our business in life is not to get ahead of other people, but to get ahead of ourselves.

There are so many voices in this world that it is not always easy to hear the voice of God.

None who have ever bowed before the newly dead have regretted that they have loved so much.

Let two things stand like stone: kindness in the trouble of another and courage in your own difficulties.

It is in the open country that we can best read and contemplate the power, wisdom and goodness of God.

Use law and medicine only in cases of necessity. They are good remedies, bad recreations and ruinous habits.

Do not scorn the commonplace: the commonplace sun in the commonplace sky makes up the commonplace day.

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LET us snuggle up closer as we talk this month, for there is a sleet-laden wind blowing over Brooklyn, headed in from the sea, and the Weather Bureau cheerfully remarks that the mercury is to crowd deeper into the thermometer tonight, with a heavy snowfall to follow. It is surely February and midwinter. Billy, who has a bit of a cold, has just sneezed loudly. He has a rug over his lame leg, and he is sitting close to our lukewarm radiator, drinking a cup of hot ginger tea and trying to keep warm by reading six Florida letters at one time. Bill always picks out Southern letters to read and piddle when the weather is coldest. It is fun to watch him shiver there when his nose touches a letter from Duluth, St. Paul or Medicine Hat.

But as the wind howls and the snow blows, these indoor hours grant us more time for reading and thinking. An old English proverb says: "Winter for the study and summer for the field." Now when the meadows are perhaps leg-deep with white drifts, and stone walls and fences are almost blotted out, we can cure and garner a crop of thoughts that may nourish us in any future days of short fodder and long snows. But we must be careful to gather in the right sort of harvest free from weeds and mold. Moldy and weedy thoughts make stale brain-food and can only satisfy stale minds. Right thinking furnishes the motive power of the world's progress. It is the nourishing impetus of all man's growth upward from the start made from racial infancy thousands of years ago. As nations and individuals we move forward only according to the quality of our mental nourishment. How carefully then should we watch the sort of thoughts we stow away for use and keeping! From this store we have ourselves and others to feed. From it we must choose our seed for the plantings of later years.

According to present-day standards, Washington and Lincoln—the two great men we honor this month—were both of small education. They were largely self-taught. Yet they succeeded in richly filling the storehouses of their brains by hard study and diligent self-training. How well they managed in gaining a harvest of character from their seedtime of thought their lives tell us. Washington's letters and state papers, Lincoln's inaugural addresses and Gettysburg speech, have become classics of our country and of the world's literature. Through Washington's two terms, his eight troublous years when our Republic was like a squalling teething infant, he truly fathered the young nation and taught it to take its first footsteps in paths that our leaders of later years have found it always best to follow. In his Farewell Address, he left us a heritage of wise statesmanship that has many times proved its value in swinging the course of our foreign policy to the side of justice, righteousness and safety.

To Lincoln came the heavy task of holding our nation united when delays and futilities of his predecessors in office had let the slavery question breed hot dissension in a country grown strong and lusty since Washington had taught it the new ways of self-government. It is no reflection upon Washington's glory to say that as the years pass the fame of Abraham Lincoln seems to rise in a luster shining perhaps brighter than even that of the Father of our Country. This may be because Lincoln is closer to our own times and we can know him better and feel nearer to his great humanity and his tender heart. The preservation of the Union, the freeing of the slaves, the doing of that justice which is only justice when tempered by mercy, these were all passionate instincts with Lincoln and the well-springs of the fine utterances which passed so often from his lips in public speeches and papers, and in private letters and talk. Throughout all ages Lincoln will stand as the true and perfect leader of the common folks he loved so well. He was the perfect exemplar of that government of the people, by the people and for the people of which he spoke, which he labored successfully to save, and which he died in the task of keeping united and imperishable.

What Washington and Lincoln gave to us of heart and brain was only that which they had first gathered of themselves. Because their harvest had been free from tares, the seed-thoughts they were able to sow were of the kind destined to yield a thousand fold. I want you all to read again sometime during this month the story of the lives of Washington and Lincoln—particularly of their early days when they were perhaps of the same ages as many of you who will read what I am writing here. Then read Washington's Farewell Address and Lincoln's first and second inaugural speeches, and the twenty-line Gettysburg utterance which will endure for twenty centuries, or for as long as men live banded together in communal effort for fraternal ends. From the lives and words of these two great ones of the earth we can win great thoughts for our own; we can light our own feeble candles of inspiration from their brilliant shining; we can take new love for our country and new faith for the future of a form of government which can breed such men to lead it. I like to think that if Washington was the Father of our Country, so Lincoln may be considered its Great Brother. A love of human kind was the very fiber of his being and not a matter of abstract phrases or a demagogue's attitudes. He never thought of himself as apart from the nation he led or of any of its people whom he loved—either of the North or South. He was comrade and captain. Because he understood much, he found it easy to forgive. If he had any pride, it was that of the humble; and all his life he was glad to know himself one of the "common folks" of whom he said, with tender humor, that God must love them because he had made so many. To me in all history there is no man whose life and lips so often speak the spirit of Christ.

So as we sit by the fire these days and nights of long February storms, let us read, and think as we read, of these two men that this month of winter gave to our country for its birth and saving, and who were great enough to be a gift of our nation to the world. At Washington, a mighty and historic gathering has been working to bring in a dawn that may see a stilling of war drums and a cessation of the horrors and destruction of war. Both Washington and Lincoln well knew the fearful pain and loss of wars which were the more terrible by being struggles in which brother can be truthfully said to have

fought against brother. If they could speak at any Conference for the Limitation of Armaments, we can know the advice they would give. It would be well for us if their voices could be heard; but in their silence we can think of them as bending above the councils of the fretted and war-bankrupt nations and saying with one voice: Let us have Peace.

And now for the letters:

TOCCOA, Box K, GEORGIA.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA:

It's a long, long way to Tipperary—from Georgia to Maine, from Maine all over the United States, but that is where I go this afternoon when I come for a chat with you and the cousins.

On the Southern Railroad, five miles from the South Carolina line, is a town called Toccoa. It is located in that part of the state known as "Cherokee Georgia"—so called because it was once inhabited by the Cherokee Indians. That was long, long ago and there is left to us only the names they gave some of our mountains, rivers and valleys. Some of the names are: Toccoa, meaning "beautiful"; Tallulah, "terrible"; Hiawasse, "pretty flower"; Nacoochee, "evening star"; Cohutta, "frog mountain"; Chattahoochee, "flowered rock". There are some very pretty legends connected with these places.

I wish you all could have spent your vacations last summer in the North Georgia mountains with me. I have always stood proudly by our North Georgia scenery as being the prettiest in the world, but when an artist (famous in both Europe and America) said that he had painted in many countries but loved above all "the exquisite wildness of the mountains of North Georgia"—why then I was sure that our country really is the prettiest.

I had one of the most enjoyable summers I ever spent, and it was all because I have been on more fishing trips than ever before in one season. I'm a faithful follower of Izaak Walton, and some of my happiest hours have been spent on the banks of a lake, just fishing. I am a great lover of all outdoor life. I have always wished I could live on a ranch and have a horse all my own, to ride when and where I pleased and just as much as I wanted to. I wouldn't care if I lived forty miles from a town. Now, somebody laugh, and tell me there isn't any such place nowadays! I'm quite used to hearing that when I talk about living in such a far-off spot.

You are all going to think I am a perfect tomboy if I do not inform you better. Ever since I can remember I have been making my own clothes. I know how to keep all the house spic and span, and I like to do it, too. I especially like the kitchen and can cook fried chicken to tempt the palate of an epicure, but I can cook other things equally well.

I am a ———, but I will let you guess, for yourself what kind of work I do, also what my age is. I like the cousins to describe their personal appearance as this makes them more real when I know something about how they look. This letter is too long for me to put my description in it and I'll have to wait till next time—if there is a next time. There may not be, for if Billy gets this I'll never have the nerve to try again.

I would like to have any of you cousins write to me. I wish most that some who live on ranches and farms would write, but I'll be happy to hear from any.

Just one thing more: I have had the most fun the past summer telling stories to the children in our own neighborhood. All the boys and girls from five years up to seventeen are in my audience. I felt quite complimented when the older boys began to come. Sometimes they would not let me stop until almost midnight. Now, Uncle Lisha, don't you go and pretend you do not understand what kind of stories I tell them: for they are all good stories and some are Bible stories.

I am sending my love to Uncle, but want it divided up among the cousins.

Your niece, RUBY WATKINS.

Ruby, I wouldn't be a bit surprised to hear that you spoke pretty intelligible Cherokee—after reading the words you scattered through the pages of your good letter. About all one would seem to need for a Cherokee dictionary or phrase-book would be a few time-tables of your North Georgia railroads. Your Injun language is very intriguing. Ruby, as I read about your mountain scenery I commenced to think to myself: "How I would love to stand on tallulah cohutta, gathering the sweet hiawasse and watching the rise of the toccoa nacoochee!" It is certainly a charming tongue, and I hope the next letter you write will be entirely in Cherokee so I can have more practice in learning to speak. Billy says it sounds much more melodious than either Russian or Yiddish.

I am sure your mountains are beautiful, Ruby, even if I have not seen them. They doubtless have the deep shadows and the softly-curved outlines of all heavily wooded highlands. It is these which, to my way of thinking, offer the most beautiful sort of mountain scenery. Not much remains save strange and barren grandeur in those granitic and dentated summits that mark peaks of more Alpine heights. Beauty stays below the timber line. Give me for choice the gulfs and coves of your lower and deeply-forested mountains. I want my hills to have their fur left on!

You mustn't be too sure, Ruby, that a ranch might not be found for you situated "forty miles from a town." Why, I have a letter this month from a cousin in Nevada who tells of living a hundred miles from a Main Street! There's lots of space left yet in the West—particularly in Nevada and Utah, but the trouble is that where this space is thickest, there is not much else but emptiness. It's sure you will receive letters from cousins out on some of the big ranches of the big West, and you will be able to write to them and swap Cherokee words for Sioux nouns and adjectives.

You seem to be pretty much of an all-round sport, Ruby, and can manage a fish in a lake as well as in a frying-pan. You can kick up the dust outdoors and can keep out the dust indoors. As to your work in life, I'm going to guess that you teach a school. You write such a good hand and number the pages of your letter so carefully, that from these hints I am willing to risk my reputation as an Uncle-guesser.

When you gather a group around you and tell them stories, Ruby, you are pursuing an ancient occupation, and one of the oldest and most popular in the world. Much of what we treasure as literature of the early days of earth's beginning started down the centuries to us on the tongues of minstrels and tellers of tales. It was on oral history and romance that man had to depend for thousands of years before the written and printed word was known or had become plentiful. Everyone loves to be told stories, and we are all little children and listeners when it comes to this. So

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Big Men of the Armament Conference

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IN marked contrast with previous international conferences the present Armament Conference is dominated by broad-minded statesmen instead of subtle diplomats. Another notable feature of its personnel is the conspicuous absence of the men who formulated the Paris peace treaty and wove into it the League of Nations monstrosity. From this and the further fact that the administration of every government, except that of David Lloyd George in England, that had any part in bringing forth the League of Nations pact has since been voted out of office it may be fairly inferred that the nations of Europe, after a test of more than two years, are not enthusiastic over the work of their representatives at Paris and for this reason have sent to Washington a different set of men hoped to be auspicious of better results.

Recognizing the immense importance of the opportunity the principal nations represented at the Armament Conference have selected their biggest men for this job. Yet the four American delegates measure up creditably with any of them and have

which he continued until appointed Secretary of State last March by President Harding.

ELIHU ROOT, of New York, distinguishing the world over as one of the most eminent and highly respected of jurists and especially as an authority on international rights and obligations, represents the general public. Mr. Root has the exceptional honor of being the only American member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague, Holland, a world tribunal to decide claims and disputes between nations. He has rendered the country notable service as member of the Alaskan Boundary Tribunal; as Secretary of War, 1899 to 1904; Secretary of State, 1905 to 1909; U. S. Senator, 1909 to 1915, and as Senior Counsel for the United States in the North Atlantic Fisheries Arbitration in 1910.



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HENRY CABOT LODGE, senior Senator from Massachusetts and Republican party leader in U. S. Senate, represents the majority political party of the Senate. During his remarkable public career of thirty-five years continuous service in Congress (from 1887 to 1893 as Representative and since then as Senator) he has served on the most important committees and manifested a high degree of statesmanship in dealing with national and international problems. He has also attained fame in the literary field as the author of a large number of books and magazine articles, mostly historical.

OSCAR W. UNDERWOOD, Senator from Alabama and Democratic party leader in U. S. Senate, represents the minority party of the Senate. Mr. Underwood has risen to prominence through a long and creditable career in Congress, having served from 1895 to 1915 as Representative and since then as Senator. As Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, the most important committee of the House, in 1914 he was largely instrumental in framing the tariff bill which bore his name and embodied the revenue policy of his party, then in power. He is an able, broad-minded man of large experience in public affairs and ranks high as a Senator as well as a party leader. He is well qualified to do his part of the big job to which President Harding has appointed him and his three associates.

As any treaty stipulations worked out and agreed to by the Conference, even though accepted by our delegates, have to be approved by a two-to-one majority of the U. S. Senate before they become binding on the United States, it is fitting that the Senate should be thus represented on our delegation, although in this as well as in appointing a representative of the opposition political party to participate in the work and share the responsibility President Harding has reversed the policy of his predecessor.

British Delegation

The importance that Great Britain attaches to the possibilities of the Armament Conference is revealed in the large caliber of the men she has chosen to represent her. David Lloyd George, the responsible head of the government (under the King), was to have come as head of the British delegation and even went so far in his arrangements as to engage his passage for that purpose, but at the last moment had to change his plans because a critical turn in the negotiations for the pacification of Ireland required his presence in England.

ARTHUR J. BALFOUR, whose picture, taken in the railway station at Washington on his arrival to attend the Armament Conference, appears on this page, is generally considered, next to Lloyd George, the greatest living English statesman. He now occupies the high office of Lord President of the Council, and among other important offices that he has held were Secretary for Scotland, Chief Secretary for Ireland, First Lord of the Admiralty, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and he has also been Prime Minister, the position now held by Lloyd George.



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LUCKLAND GEDDES, British Ambassador at Washington, acts as delegate in the absence of Lloyd George or of any other British delegate. He is a physician by profession and has been Professor of Anatomy at the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, and Principal of McGill University in Montreal, Canada. He served in the South African War, and in the World War from 1914 to 1916. Later he was Director of Recruiting, Minister of National Service, President of the

Local Government Board, Minister of Reconstruction and President of the national Board of Trade of Great Britain.

LORD LEE OF FAREHAM, First Lord of the Admiralty, was in the military service until 1900, when he retired from the army, but reentered in 1914 for service in the World War. He was British Military Attaché with the U. S. Army during the Spanish-American War, and later Military Attaché of the British Embassy at Washington, where he married Miss Ruth Moore, of New York. Among the high civil offices that he has held were Director-General of Food Production, and Minister of Agriculture. He has traveled far and wide over Asia and North America and, having spent much time in the United States and Canada, at one time having been Professor of Strategy and Tactics in the Royal Military College of Canada, he has acquired a sympathetic understanding of the mutual interests that should draw the English speaking nations of the earth ever more closely together in a perpetual bond of friendship and cooperation for the peace of the world.

The other four British delegates are Colonials, representing the respective interests of the colonial Dominions that sent them to the Conference.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN, former Prime Minister of Canada, who represents "Our Neighbor on the North," is recognized as one of the Dominion's ablest statesmen. He is a strong man and exercises a harmonizing influence in the Conference. He is said to advocate the "general principle that in foreign relations in which one or other of the Dominions has a paramount interest, the view of the Dominion in question shall be not merely heard and considered but shall prevail." It is understood that, while loyal to the British Empire, he recognizes that "Canada and the United States are in the same boat when it comes to world politics," and it is reported that he influenced the British delegation to consent to abrogate the British-Japanese treaty of alliance by showing that in case Japan should attack the United States Canada's vital interests would compel her to fight on the side of America. Mr. Borden represented Canada in the Imperial War Cabinet in 1917, and in the Imperial War Conference of 1918.

GEORGE F. PEARCE, Australian Minister of Defense, represents the Commonwealth of Australia which is deeply interested in Far Eastern and Pacific questions before the Conference as well as in the proposed limitation of armament. In 1911 he represented Australia in the British Imperial Conference.

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ALBERT SARRAUT, Minister of Colonies, is a prominent Member of the Chamber of Deputies (corresponding to Member of Congress in America). He was formerly Under Secretary of State for the Interior, and has written a number of books on political subjects.

JULES JUSSEBRAND, French Ambassador to the United States, is last, but by no means least, of the French delegation. He has held his post at Washington continuously since 1902, and is exceedingly popular in America. He speaks and writes perfect English and is a noted French authority on English literature; he is the author of numerous books and magazine articles.

ITALIAN Delegation

MARCHESE DELLA PORRETTA, Minister of Foreign Affairs since July, 1921, heads the Italian delegation. He has a thorough knowledge of the Near East, and especially of those turbulent trouble-makers, the Balkan States and Russia, having spent many years in the latter country as diplomatic representative of Italy.

CARLO SCHANZER, Senator and formerly Minister of the Treasury, is one of Italy's foremost authorities on international law. Professor of Constitutional Law in the University of Naples, and author of many books on subjects pertaining to law and science of government.

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kept in close touch with its deliberations, and without intruding his personality has rendered helpful assistance in its work through frequent consultations with our four delegates.

Viewed from any angle or judged by any criterion the four men appointed by President Harding to serve as delegates for the United States are of such distinguished ability, so eminently qualified and of such high character that they have been generally acclaimed as individually above criticism and exceptionally strong collectively as a working team. Their choice is the more acceptable from the fact that they were selected with a view to giving representation to the important constituent elements of the nation and Government.

CHARLES EVANS HUGHES, Secretary of State, heads the American delegation and represents the President, the executive head of the nation. The Conference did Mr. Hughes the honor of choosing him for chairman. Mr. Hughes is one of the most eminent lawyers in this country; was Governor of New York State from 1907 to 1910, Judge of U. S. Supreme Court from 1910 until he resigned in 1916 to run as the Republican candidate for President; being defeated by President Wilson he resumed the practice of law in



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Stella Roosevelt

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my heart—and I know of no one in all England whom I should care to win for my bride.

Saturday came, and at an early hour Star awoke and arose to see what the morning promised and to prepare for the anticipated pleasure of the day.

She ran downstairs to practice for an hour, after which she went to her breakfast, and confided to Mrs. Blunt the fact that "she and Uncle Jacob" were going to have a holiday—her throbbing pulses warned her not to mention the third member of the party, lest she should betray more than she cared to.

This duty over, she returned to her room to give her attention to that, for once with her, very important subject for consideration—her toilet.

She arranged her shining hair with great care. It was her glory, and Archibald Sherbrooke had made it appear such in that picture which he had shown her yesterday, and which she now remembered with crimson cheeks and glowing eyes, as she brushed those shining strands until they gleamed like burnished gold. She then wove it into one massive braid, as she had worn it that day which neither of them would ever forget, and tied it a little way from the end with a fresh, delicate blue ribbon.

This done, she donned the spotless white dress, with a broad belt of blue, and its great bow on one side, and fastened a simple knot of the same at her throat, but heaving a regretful sigh as she thought of her precious cameo, and wished she could have had it to wear today. Then she tied a pretty chip hat, with its mull trimmings and bunch of forget-me-nots over her golden head, and blushed rosy red at the vision of loveliness that looked out at her from her small mirror.

Taking her roll of music, and throwing a fleecy shawl over her arm, she ran downstairs with a light, springing step, intending to go to the lodge for a word with Mr. Roosevelt before she went to the station.

"Where are you going, miss, rigged out in that style?" was the rude query that saluted her ears, as she came out upon the veranda, and stopped for a moment to fasten her gloves.

Looking up, she saw Josephine sitting at one

end of the porch, and half hidden by the luxuriant growth of vines climbing the trellis.

Her radiant face clouded; it seemed almost like an omen of evil to have her anticipations of pleasure broken in upon thus.

"I am going to New York to take my music lesson," she answered, touching the roll underneath her arm.

"Do you always dress yourself out like that to take your music lesson? Perhaps you are trying to strike up a flirtation with Professor What's-his-name," sneered the haughty beauty.

Poor Star glanced down at her offending dress, an indignant flush rising to her cheek.

The entire cost of it had been less than what Josephine was accustomed to pay for even a pair of shoes; and yet she knew, without being told, that the gay belle, with all her expensive trappings, had never looked half so fresh and lovely as she did at that moment.

Josephine realized it also, and her heart was filled with bitter envy and malice.

"Go back upstairs and change your gown," she continued, angrily, without giving Star an opportunity to reply to her taunting remarks. "You have no business to go to the city, dressed as if you were going to a party."

Star's small head came up like a flash of light; her eyes darkened and glowed with a sense of wounded pride and injustice.

She stood still a moment, her scarlet lips compressed until only a narrow line of red was visible; then, in a calm, clear, but very decided tone, she said:

"You have no right to lay such commands upon me, Miss Richards; and I shall not obey you."

"You insolent beggar; what do you mean by answering me in this way?" began the astonished girl; but Star had glided down the steps, and was walking with a proud, elastic step down the avenue; consequently her rage was expended upon the empty air.

Mr. Roosevelt was standing on the porch of the lodge when Star came along, and he, too, marveled at her exceeding beauty, saying to himself that he had never seen her so brilliant and spirited before.

"Good morning, Uncle Jacob," she said, brightly, as she saw him standing there, and her indignation immediately began to subside.

"How well you are looking," she said, gayly.

"I just ran down to see if you were all right, and to jog your memory about our little celebration today."

"You did not need to do that, Starling. I am as eager as a schoolboy for my day of pleasure," he returned, with a fond smile, adding: "But how dainty you are this morning. I shouldn't wonder if our artist friend would be wanting to paint the picture of a 'star' one of these days, eh?"

Star blushed and laughed lightly.

She could have told him, had she chosen, that it was already painted.

But she only charged him playfully to make himself look as young and charming as possible if he intended to be her escort to Coney Island; then, waving him a farewell, she tripped away with a smile on her lips, a song in her heart.

When Star reached the place appointed as the rendezvous by Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Sherbrooke, this latter gentleman also thought her the fairest object he had ever seen, and knew that, as he clasped her small hand, his eyes were betraying that old, old story of which his heart was so full.

The sail down the river was even more charming than they had anticipated. The day was perfect, the air being just cool enough to be exhilarating, while our trio of friends were in a mood to enjoy everything in the way of pleasure that might present itself.

After several hours of pleasure, Mr. Roosevelt said that he should be obliged to give up and take a rest.

So Mr. Sherbrooke ordered a room for him at the hotel, and he went to "take a nap," while the young man, with a feeling of exultation that now he should have Star all to himself, took a carriage for a long drive upon the beach.

For miles and miles they drove over the smooth, hard road, both in their happiest mood, and giving themselves up to the enjoyment of the hour.

Every moment spent in Star's society only served to entangle our young English friend more securely in the meshes of love's net; while she began to realize that the world would never be quite the same again to her when he should be gone, and no prospect of their meeting again.

"He is going away next week," she kept saying again and again to herself, while a chill pain gnawed at her heart. "How can I bear to have him go, and feel that I may never see him again? Oh, England, my home! my home! would that I also could go back to you!"

So intense was her longing for her home, so keenly did she regret this parting, which she felt was inevitable, that the tears sprang into her eyes, and a deep sigh came welling up from her burdened heart.

"Miss Star, why that doleful sigh?" exclaimed Archibald Sherbrooke, in surprise.

Star started, and looking up, found her companion's eyes fixed upon her with grave questioning.

She colored vividly, fearing he had read something of her thoughts.

"Did I sigh?" she asked, evasively.

"Yes; and I did not like the sound of it, either. Are you tired of driving? Shall we go back and try something else?" he asked, only anxious to give her pleasure.

"Oh, no; this is delightful," she answered, quietly. "I fear I have been guilty of rudeness if I have given you the impression that I am not enjoying every moment of this lovely day. Do you know, Mr. Sherbrooke," she asked, with a smile that had a tinge of sadness in it, "that I am indebted to you for the only real holiday that I have had since I came to America?"

He regarded her with surprise.

"Is it possible?" he asked. "I fear, then, that you have not had a very happy life during the last year, or else you are working too hard over your books."

She feared she had betrayed more than she ought.

She did not want him to know how hard life had been made for her. She was too proud to complain of the ill-treatment, the coldness, and even dislike which had been her lot, where she had expected to find only kindness, love and sympathy.

"I have been working pretty busily," she answered, as if that were all. "I am anxious to graduate this year, and I have to apply myself rather closely with my music and other duties."

"Why are you so anxious to graduate this year? Why not take more time, rather than run the risk of injuring your health?" he questioned, gravely.

"I am going back to England sometime," she said, her eyes kindling, and the sooner I can complete my education, the earlier I can go. I have my own future to carve out, Mr. Sherbrooke, and my aim is to prepare myself for a teacher."

"Your own future to carve out!" he cried, greatly surprised. "I thought you had friends here who were to care for you always."

She colored, but answered, gravely: "I should not be content to pass my life here. I shall stay only long enough to complete my education; then I shall go back to my own country to teach."

He understood her; he saw, even though she would not confess it, that her life since coming to America had not been a happy one.

She was going to be a teacher, she said; she was bending all her energies in that direction, and was working, he felt assured, far beyond her strength.

She did not look fit to fight the battle of life alone; she was slender and delicate, although he felt that, in spite of her fragile appearance, there was an element of strength in her character which would overcome every obstacle which it was possible for a human being in her position to overcome.

She had "her future to carve out," she had told him. What did she intend that future to be?—what were her hopes, her aims, her plans? Surely not to teach always.

Ah, if she would but learn to love him—if he could win her, it would be very different from the wearying, drugging life of a teacher.

Before he was hardly aware of his intention, his heart had overleaped every barrier, he bent toward her and said, in a low, earnest tone:

"Star, I love you. Let me depict your future for you."

CHAPTER XV. A FATAL MISTAKE.

The beautiful maiden cast one startled glance up at her handsome lover, and then grew colorless as the dress she wore.

But when he softly laid his hand upon hers, saying, gently, "Darling, I have frightened you with my abruptness," her whole being thrilled beneath his touch, and the rich crimson swept swiftly up over neck, face and brow, until it lost itself in the fluffy masses of sunny hair which lay upon her forehead.

"I could not help it," he went on, a glad light leaping to his eyes as he saw her blushes; "and I have known that I love you, my beautiful one, for a long time. Do you remember that it was I who received you into my arms when you were lifted to the deck of our steamer from that frail boat in which you so nearly perished? Do you know that your fair face lay upon my breast, and as I looked down upon you, I knew that no other had ever moved me so strangely and so deeply, despite its pallor and the tale of suffering that I read there? Its power grew upon me during the few days which followed, and while we were so much together, and when at last we were obliged to part, and I begged a tress of this sunshine"—touching the massive braid which lay over her shoulder almost reverently—"the picture that you made, with your shy grace and modest beauty as you unhesitatingly clipped it for me, stamped itself indelibly upon my heart, where I have carried it ever since, growing to love it more and more, until I determined to make it always mine by putting it on canvas. I did not know as I

should ever see you again, and yet I have been haunted by a feeling that some magnetic influence or strange power of attraction would eventually draw us together again; and so it has proved. Star, I know that I love you as deeply and truly as it is possible for one human being to love another. You say you love England; you wish to go back and make your home there. Tell me that, some day, I may take you there—that my home shall become your home, and you will be my cherished wife. My darling, you have made yourself very 'fair today'—so like the picture I have painted, and which I showed you yesterday, that something has whispered to me that a thought of me prompted it; that there was something of tenderness in your heart which made you put those shining locks, which you have been wearing in another fashion of late, into this massive braid again, and tie it with this lovely blue, so like your eyes. Raise them, dear, and let me look into them, to see if I can read anything of the story I wish to know. Tell me, Star, that when I come to America again, I may come to claim this hand and call its owner my wife."

His hand had rested lightly upon hers all the time he had been speaking. She had not attempted to withdraw it, and now his fingers closed over it in a firm, loving clasp.

It still lay trembling but unresistingly there; and when, as he bent to look into those drooping eyes, she lifted them to his with one shy glance of answering tenderness, he knew that he had not sued in vain.

"My own darling!" he whispered, passionately, his face flushing with happiness; "you do love me; I read it in your eyes, and the world was never so bright to me as at this moment; but tell me, shall I have what I want—will you give me your promise that, next year, when you have completed your education, instead of going back to England as a teacher, you will go with me as my wife?"

She grew suddenly grave, and lifting an earnest look to his face, said:

"I have told you that I am only a poor girl, with my own fortune to carve out. You have no idea how poor I am, how dependent, how friendless. You, perhaps, have proud relatives; you may occupy a place far above me socially, and your friends might object to your claiming one in my position as your wife."

"I care nothing for your poverty or dependence, dear," he returned, tenderly; "it cannot alter the fact that you are the only woman whom I shall ever love well enough to make my wife. But," he added, with a thoughtful look, "I forget that I am almost a stranger to you—that you know nothing of me, that I have told you nothing."

"I have not given it a thought," Star interrupted, earnestly. "I can trust you; I know you are true."

His face grew radiant.

"You will never regret your trust, my darling," he said. "I am an artist, Star, but I believe I can take care of you, and promise you that you shall never know the meaning of the words poor and dependent again. Of course I have friends, and—but I will tell you all about them some other time. I want my promise now—you will give yourself to me, dear?"

"Yes," she breathed, her scarlet lips parting slightly with a tremulous smile, "by and by, when I am better fitted to be your—wife."

He longed to take her in his arms and draw her to his heart, and kiss the lips that had promised him the greatest joy he had ever known; but there were other carriages near, and curious eyes all about them; so he could only clasp that small hand more fondly, and murmur low and tender words to tell of the deep, true love of which his heart was full.

"You shall indeed go back to England now, my darling," he said, "but never to teach. You shall remain here until you have completed your course of study if you wish; then I shall come, before this time next year, and take you to my—our home. I shall return with a happy heart now, for I shall have an object to work for and something to look forward to. Ah, my dear, my dear, do you realize what is in store for us?—a long life of joy and love together, with brightest hopes and congenial tastes. Star, my beloved—my star, indeed!"

Who can wonder that she gave herself up to the bliss of loving and being loved, when wooed in this tender manner?

Who could chide this heart-hungry maiden, who had been starving for affection and sympathy, for feeling that she had never known happiness before?

And she loved him with all her soul. He had won all the passion of her young heart, and she gave herself up to him wholly, unreservedly, trusting him without a suspicion or thought that he could be anything save truth and honor itself.

Twilight was beginning to gather when they returned to the hotel where they had left Mr. Roosevelt, but it was not yet so dark but that that gentleman remarked the glorified expression of the young man's face, and the brilliant light which gleamed in Star's radiant eyes.

"May I tell our dear old friend, Star?" Archibald Sherbrooke whispered, as he assisted her to alight from the carriage.

She started, and grew crimson.

"Oh, Mr. Sherbrooke, not tonight, please."

"To whom are you speaking, my Star?" he interrupted, with assumed sternness and reproach.

She glanced up questioningly, yet with burning cheeks, for she knew what he meant, but was not quite sure yet what he wished her to call him.

"My mother calls me Archie," he said, with a meaning smile.

"Must I call you that?" she asked, her heart thrilling at the name, yet instinctively shrinking from addressing him quite so familiarly yet.

"There is no 'must' about it, nor about anything else that you do not like, my darling," he said, very gently, but looking a trifle grave, she thought.

"Then please let me go—Archie, for I know Uncle Jacob is wondering why it takes me so long to get out of the carriage, and—ever so many people are looking at us," Star said, wishing she could hide her hot cheeks, and realizing, if he did not, that he was holding her hands a great deal longer than there was any need of doing.

A brilliant smile parted his lips as he released her, and she darted away, just as a servant came forward to take the horse, the following more leisurely to give her time to recover herself a little.

"You have enjoyed your drive, little one?" Mr. Roosevelt asserted, questioning, as she came and stood beside his chair, while he regarded her with a keen glance.

"Very much, Uncle Jacob; and you—are you rested?" Star asked, eager to turn his attention from herself.

"Entirely, and am as hungry as an old bear, too."

"I am delighted to hear it," young Sherbrooke said, now joining them.

They went in to an inviting meal, spread in a private room for them. The young man had given an order to this effect before going to ride, as he had noticed that Star was annoyed at dinner by the attention which her lovely face had attracted.

When the steamer arrived, Archibald found a sheltered seat for Mr. Roosevelt, and then drawing Star a little apart, wrapped her shawl carefully about her and sat down beside her, her hand clasped in his under cover of its soft folds.

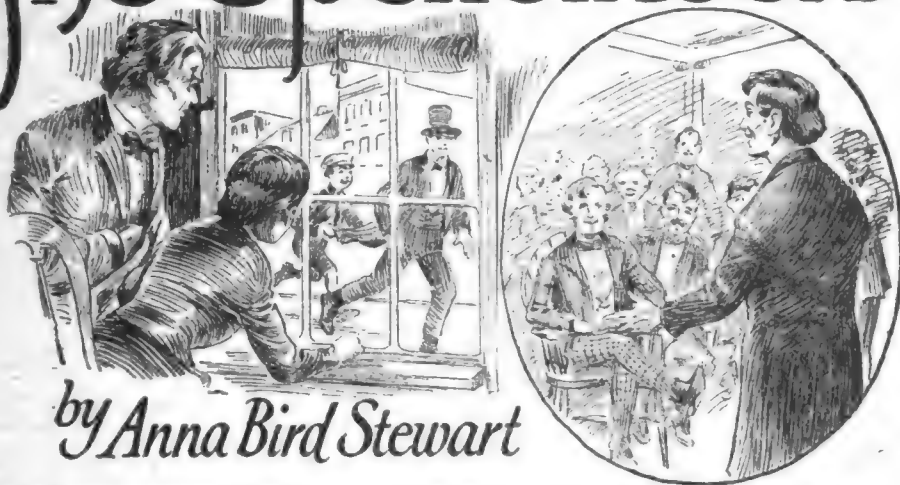
"He will not mind, and I want you to myself," he whispered. "I cannot see you tomorrow, love, for it will be Sunday, but Monday or Tuesday I shall come to you. I cannot wait longer."

Star glanced at him somewhat anxiously. She knew what that coming would entail upon her—sneers and taunts, and perhaps more unkindness than she had ever yet received from Mrs. Richards or Josephine.

Mr. Richards, she felt assured, would be more

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The Spellbinders



by Anna Bird Stewart

The ten-year-old boy, who figures in this episode in President Lincoln's early career as a rising young lawyer, lived to realize his inborn ambition to become "famous" as an actor. This "little Joe Jefferson" grew up to be the great Joe Jefferson, famous in the title role of Rip Van Winkle, and one of America's most popular, highly respected and best beloved actors. He was a cultured gentleman and a good man; his fair fame was never sullied by a suspicion of scandal. Like Washington and Lincoln, he was born in February, the short month that has given the world so many celebrities. He died April 23, 1905, at the ripe age of seventy-six. He was on terms of personal intimacy with many prominent men of his time, among them President Cleveland who took pleasure in Jefferson's companionship. President Lincoln's fondness for a good play well acted is well known.—EDITOR.

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ELL," said the homely man, "where did you come from?" He had been standing inside the narrow hall of the building looking at the small stranger on the stoop. Quite unaware of the scrutiny, the boy was apparently, though silently, making an impassioned address to an invisible multitude in the unpaved street before him. The interruption brought him back rudely into the commonplace present. What had seemed, in the vivid imagination of childish make-believe, to be the Roman Forum, was, after all, only the unkempt, straggling aspect of an Illinois town, and the glory of the last days of the Republic had degenerated into the mediocrity of the year 1839.

"Well, well," repeated the ugly man. "Something in his smile made the youngster laugh in return. The words of his response rolled out with quaint, grown-up effect.

"Did you mean whence did we come originally, sir, or immediately?"

The man chuckled. "Both, if you are inclined to be generous."

"We have been touring the West, mostly in Illinois, for some time," the child told him. "But we are natives of New York."

"And may I ask who 'we' are?"

"The Jeffersons," the boy's voice took on a tone of surprise and reproach at the inquirer's ignorance.

"Oh, to be sure! Your father is the actor."

"So am I an actor," the child declared proudly. "We all are. Why, I began when I was a baby. I have Grand father's name, too, just like Father's, so I have to be the best of us young ones. Mother calls that 'tradition.'"

"Then you must be little Joe Jefferson."

"Well, I won't always be little," Joe looked at the man with the direct, searching glance of childhood. Apparently satisfied, he went on. "Some day I'll be big Joe, when I'm a man. You know, I'm going to be famous. Aren't you?"

"I'm afraid not, Joe."

The child's sunny face clouded. Hope and ambition had been his training for so long that he almost dis-trusted a man not acknowledging them.

With intuitive feeling his companion understood. "I tell you what, Joe," he said quickly. "See the window up there in this building, the one with the books on the sill? Well, that's my office. You come up there sometime and we'll talk it over. I have a great big Shakespeare book I'll show you."

"Are you an actor, too?"

"No, I am a lawyer."

"I'll come, but I can't come now. There's my Father going toward our new theater. Whenever I see him, that's my cue, so Mother told me this morning. I'm to remain close to him in expectation and anticipation of the immediate advent of a rehearsal." The lad quoted his mother, with mischievous imitation of that formality of manner and diction which her stage experience unconsciously taught her to assume in all serious situations.

At this they both laughed merrily, the child who could talk like a grown person, and the man who could think like a child. A moment later, when the little fellow ran to join his father, in obedience to the maternal precept and to his sense of professional obligation as well, it was with the unspoken though firm conviction that in this man he had found a friend.

Joe met his father standing before the new theater. Standing there had become a habit with J. Jefferson. That small square building represented his entire fortune. Furthermore, it represented more money than he had before owned in several seasons, the profits of eight phenomenally successful weeks with his repertoire company through the West. He was building hopes upon the result of a long season here in Springfield during the session of the state legislature. A poor actor with a wife and family all in the same business has need of hopes; it is seldom that he has anything else.

The new opera house was not a thing of beauty. It covered a small, narrow lot with a plain, straight board structure, bare of ornament or paint.

"Looks something like a dry goods box with a roof, father," was the youngster's comment. "But it's the only thing you and I ever owned with a roof, so we're sort of proud of it."

"Yes," said his father cheerily, "a poor thing,

but mine own." And then, it might be worse. It might be like those playhouses of old Shakespeare's time, and not have any roof at all.

A newcomer drew near the father and son with a too obvious intention of making friends. Little Joe looked at him suspiciously.

"I take it, sir," began the stranger, "that you are not from the West."

Mr. Jefferson bowed low. "No, sir—New York, like Melanchoy, 'claims me for her own!'"

"I, too, am only a sojourner. I come from Chicago."

Mr. Jefferson bowed again, sympathetically. He had often played to empty benches in Chicago.

The stranger continued, "I shall be here for some time, and shall be glad to see more of you. You will find me every evening at the revival services in the big tent. Come join us. We have," and the revival leader swelled up noticeably, "we have exceptional singing."

"Thank you, sir, I should be pleased to attend your performances, but unfortunately from now on my evenings will be occupied."

"Might I be permitted the liberty of asking your name?"

"Assuredly, sir. I am called Joseph Jefferson, from an illustrious father."

"Ah," said the inquirer, to whom the name meant a long line of noble statesmen. "And what, my dear little boy, might you be called?"

The youngster cleared his throat and took his father's pose as he answered in the identical manner, "I am called Joseph Jefferson, from an illustrious father."

The father laughed. The man from Chicago gave an angry snort at the exactness of the imitation. Such impudence! Life was too serious for anyone to make sport of him. "Children should be seen and not heard!" he said with severity as he passed on. The child's clear voice followed him down the grassy path.

"Say, father, he must be an actor, too, because he quotes Shakespeare."

It was the last straw. When the angry gentleman met the chairman of the city council further down the street, he stopped, turning back toward the new building. "What is that man doing here?" he demanded.

"Who? The fellow standing in front of the new theater?"

"What?"

"What did you think it was in your Chicago innocence, a meeting house?"

"Brother, joke no further about the hall of sin."

"You talk like a real gospel minister ought to, more than any one I ever heard," said the committee man. "Yet you're only the fellow that 'raises the hymns' and does some of the talking at a tent revival. Not much difference between you and a play-actor. Guess there ain't much real religion in you. What about it?"

"Brother," began the revivalist in protest. Then he suddenly changed his tone into one of extreme practicality. "Look here, if that theater starts working it's going to interfere with our business."

"Shouldn't be surprised," the councilman agreed laconically.

"Have the show people much money?"

"They leased that lot, and have put up their own building. Wasn't any place in town fit for a real show."

"I see. Well, have they paid a license?"

"Not as I heard tell. And I calculate I'd know if any money was coming in our way."

"Ah!" said the holy gentleman from Chicago. He looked keenly at the shrewd face of the local politician, and apparently satisfied, suggested that the requirement for a license would settle things up all around.

The city councilman was puzzled. Politics he knew. The church, however, he had unthinkingly held in the veneration accorded by a small town where religion is kept clean of corruption, greed and wire pulling. Yet he was a shrewd man and his scruples had never overburdened him.

"Just what do you mean?" he demanded.

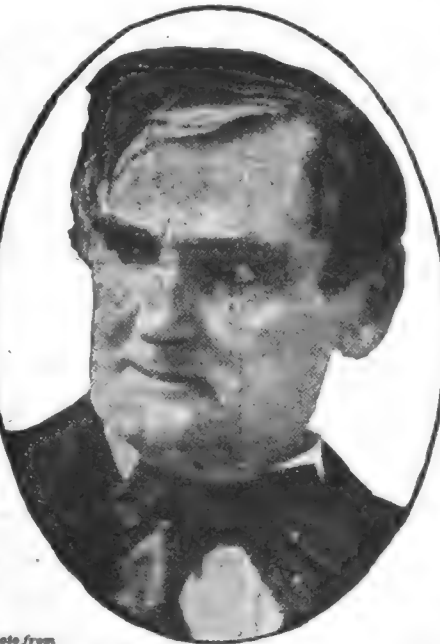
"Let the city insist upon a license. They had money enough to put up a building so they ought to be able to pay. If they can't, Springfield has a new building without cost. The revival gains fame for driving sinners from our midst, and removes competition at the same time. See?"

"Suppose they pay?"

"Better still. The city is apparently richer by so much. You gain popularity, and election is coming, that's one of its peculiarities. Moreover, the revival has a subject for sermons ready-made."

"What do you get out of it?"

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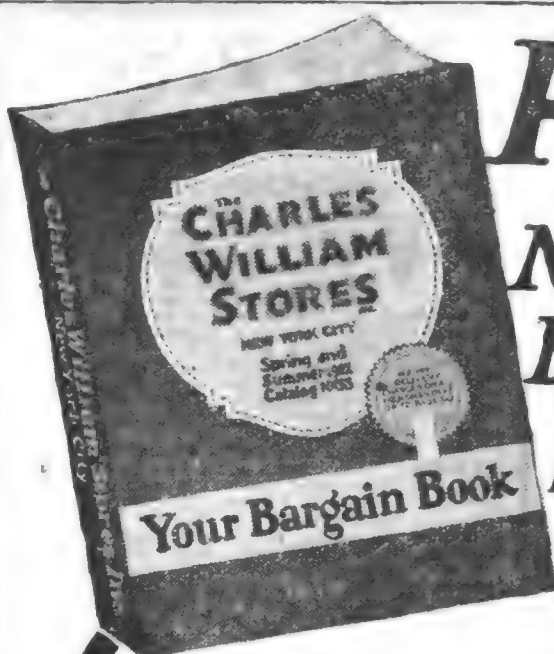


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Formal or Informal Hair

WITH bobbed hair half "in" and half "out"—those who have bobbed their hair in the past reforming and laboring to coax it back to the length necessary to "do up"; and those who have not bobbed their hair before, rushing feverishly to do it now—many of my girls are in a quandary as to what to do with their own fair locks.

Well, girls, don't bob, unless you are about sixteen and have plenty of time to grow a new crop before you are a really full-fledged young lady. It takes a long time to grow hair, so treat what you have with respect.

But there is a much more important question to decide. Hair forms a setting for the face, and how you dress your hair reacts upon your general appearance. If you are very prim and tight in your hairdressing, who can be blamed for thinking you a prim and prudish young woman? And if you are untidy and always failing to pieces as to your hair, who can avoid jumping to the conclusion that you are untidy in every other way? If you are marveled still and properly and your hair is "just so," you give the impression of a very formal and correct young woman. Well, if that is what you would like to be, stick to marcelles and odies of invisible hairpins, so no single hair may stray from the path



THIS GIRL'S HAIR IS INFORMALLY BUT BECOMINGLY ARRANGED.

of perfection. But if you think you would rather be and seem to be a jolly, good-natured girl or woman, a lover of innocent good times and a good companion, then be a little less formal in your hairdressing.

Of course the secret of all good hairdressing is perfectly clean hair—hair that has had the day's dust brushed out of it before going to bed, and hair that has been aired over night, and hair that is shampooed every two weeks—or at least every three weeks. It should be full of life, and willing to stand out from the head in becoming fluffiness. Hair which is not washed frequently sinks close to the scalp and will take on no becoming curves or fluffiness. So, first of all, see that your hair is clean.

Then make up your mind that you will not strain your hair back from your forehead, but will see that you have a graceful "hair-line," by arranging the hair so that it falls loosely and softly down on the forehead, either side of the part. Invisible hairpins will enable you to arrange the hair in the most becoming lines.

I say do not strain your hair away from the forehead, but on the other hand do not brush the hair in great "gobs" over the ears, leaving the back of the head scant of hair. Sometimes I think girls forget to look into their hand mirrors, or I am sure some of the hairdressing I see would not be existent. I am sure the girls look only at their front face and never give a glance to the back or sides of their hair, or they would see how out of proportion the enormous ear-muffs are compared to the little wisp of hair which too often is all that is left for the back of the head. See that you do not make this mistake, but portion your hair out so that your head is symmetrical and well-shaped after the hair is dressed.

You will find it comparatively simple to dress your hair any way you desire, if you part it here and there and handle only a portion of the hair at a time. And if when you have just the droop of hair you desire on the forehead, you fasten it securely in place with pins which cannot be seen. Avoid the appearance of skewered hair—let your pins be truly invisible.

Some girls part off the front half of the hair and after adding another part, either side or middle, but usually to one side of the middle, arrange this front half of the hair first, pinning it at the sides where needed, then pinning the ends against the back of the head half way down, doing up the back half of the hair over these ends. Others do up the back half of the hair first, combing it up and turning the ends under, pinning it more than half way up the back of the head, then arranging the front half of the hair, tucking its ends under, and pinning it to the back of the hair. The thing for you to keep in mind, however, is that you can fix your hair anyway you like—there are no set rules. Just experiment and make a pretty picture of it, but try not to have it look too considered—that is, as if you had spent a lot of time on it.

Answers to Questions

JESSIE.—All kinds of bleaches we want, do we? Well, one of the best for the face is as follows, but it isn't anything you can have "put up" at the drug-gist's. You can get the ingredients, but the real value on the bleach lies in what you do with them. Buy a jar of theatrical cream and a pound of almond meal. For your first application take a heaping teaspoonful of the cream and to this keep adding meal until you have about all the meal the cream will hold; to this stiff mixture add just enough hot water to make a paste thin enough to spread. Have ready two masks of cheese-cloth—squares with a hole for your nose—and after dampening them spread the paste on one and lay the other over the paste-spread side of the first one. The face should have been bathed in very hot soapy water. Rub gently with the flats of the fingers to speed up the circulation and stimulate the pores to action; then apply the pack, putting it close to the facial skin. Over this place two hot wet Turkish towels of small size—one folded over the upper half of the face, the other over the lower half, leaving only the nostrils uncovered. Have a bowl of very hot water at your side with two more towels, and as the first ones cool replace them with hot ones. Keep this up for fifteen minutes, then remove the pack, wash the

face in warm water gently, then in cool water and finally in cold water. Take six of these treatments, three days apart, and you will find your skin appreciably beautified. For a neck bleach, the following is good, though you may, if you wish, use the almond meal bleach on a cheese-cloth strip long enough to go around the throat and wide enough to come well down over the shoulders.

Bleach for the Neck

Mix one teaspoonful of lemon juice with an ounce of strained honey, add six drops of bitter almonds (this is poison, so be careful) and the unbeaten whites of two eggs. Into this stir fine oatmeal to make a paste. Spread on a cotton bandage and tie around the throat. For the hands, bathe thoroughly, then apply the following lotion:

To Whiten the Hands

Rosewater, four ounces; orange-flower water, four ounces; borate of soda (borax), one-half dram; spirits of benzoin, one dram; bruised almonds, one ounce. Add the almonds to the first two ingredients and let stand 24 hours, then filter, add the soda, shake gently until all dissolved, then add the benzoin a drop at a time, shaking as you do so. Your druggist can put this up for you. You can apply this lotion several times in one evening, letting it dry on. Then before going to bed coat the hands with lanoline, draw on rubber gloves or thick cotton gloves and go to bed secure in the thought that you have improved the appearance of your hands most decidedly. For wrinkles in the forehead, first find the cause. Do your eyes bother you, so that you involuntarily crease the brow in using them? Then get glasses at once. Do you fret over trifles? Stop it! In other words, get rid of the facial expression which is causing the wrinkles. Cultivate a smooth brow, with the temples "loose"—turn up the corners of the mouth and you will see how the temples loosen—and you will go a long way toward avoiding wrinkles. In the meantime massage the wrinkles you already have, night and morning and any other time that is convenient, dipping the finger tips in cold cream and with the first two fingers of each hand rubbing across the wrinkles. If they are horizontal your massage movements should be up and down; if they are vertical, your movements should be from left to right, and vice versa.

HAZEL EYES.—You weren't in time for the December COMFORT, my dear. This is the first issue after your letters. You see, magazines of such a big circulation as COMFORT have to be gotten ready for printing a long time in advance. Now about the various troubles of which you write. You do not weigh too much, and should be perfectly satisfied when you gain some more. As to whitening the hands, see my answer to "Jessie." This will fix you up. Your experience helping your mother will show you that she does not have an entirely pleasant time of it and that she needs her daughter's help. You can help without ruining your hands if you buy some rubber gloves for the dishwashing, and some heavy cotton gloves—like garden gloves—for dusting and sweeping. You will have to remove them occasionally for certain kinds of work, but not often. For peeling potatoes, put a kid finger on the finger you cut against; also rub a cut linden on the hands afterwards. It is perfectly all right to take a reasonable care of one's hands and it should not at all interfere with doing one's work well. Of course you can't wear the gloves when washing, but after washing, rub some cold cream into the hands at night and sleep with gloves on. This replaces some of the oil the laundry work has used up. You can rub on some of the Whitening Lotion I recommend to "Jessie," as soon as you are through with the washing. If the cuticle is, as you say, rough and hard around the nails, keep it softened with vaseline rubbed on at night. The dandruff may come from not frequent enough shampooing. How about it? Try shampooing once in two weeks, but be careful not to rub soap on the hair or scalp. Dissolve white soap in hot water, and use the liquid, being sure to rinse thoroughly after you have given the hair and scalp two or three thorough applications of the liquid with rubbing and rinsing. Certainly your hair will break if you "rough" it. Don't do that. Keep it well shampooed and you will find it gains in fluffiness. Drink lots of water daily—eight or ten glasses, so that the body elimination will be aided. This will help all body conditions. And eat sensible foods, chewing each mouthful until it is liquid. All these things help, my dear. About the eyes, you may need glasses, though I hope not. Be careful never to read except in a very good light. Have the light fall over your left shoulder, never falling on your book from in front. Never read when the light begins to grow dim; never read lying down. And the moment your eyes begin to feel tired stop reading! Better not read at night—that is, by artificial light—for a time. Read only in the daytime when the light is bright and good.



THIS GIRL, CHOOSING FORMAL HAIR DRESSING, MUST BE FORMAL IN MANNER.

Mrs. R. L.—Of course, the first thing for dandruff is to see that the scalp is kept clean with frequent shampooing, and that the brushes and combs are thoroughly washed at the time of the shampoo so that the scalp may not be reinfected. With this preliminary disposed of, suppose you try the following remedy for dandruff, highly recommended:

Remedy for Dandruff

Beef marrow, five and one-half ounces; black balsam of Peru, 150 grains; acetate of lead, 30 grains; rectified alcohol, one fluid ounce; cantharides powder, 12½ grains; essence of clover, five drops; essence of cinnamon, five drops.

The two latter ingredients may be omitted and some other essence added, if desired. Mix well, then, with a pad of cotton dipped into the mixture, apply to the scalp by rubbing it along the part. Part again about

half an inch away, and from forehead to nape of neck, and rub that part, and so continue until you feel you have rubbed every portion of the scalp. Do this every night for a week, then shampoo and omit the treatment for a week, after which resume for another week, and so continue until the dandruff has disappeared.

KITT OF WEST VIRGINIA.—See answer to "Jessie" for face bleach, but I imagine you do not need anything of the kind. I should be inclined to believe that you were not eating just the right kinds of food—a little too concentrated, or too many sweets and fat things. Cut out sweets, such as candy, pie, cake; also hot biscuits and griddle cakes, etc., and gravies, rich desserts. See what happens when you eat cantaloupes, blanc manges, apple sauce, baked apples, stewed prunes, rice pudding, etc., instead; and cereals and soft-boiled eggs and toast for breakfast; no pork or veal, no rich gravies, and nothing between meals but water and plenty of that. To keep your face free from shine, dry rubbing it with corn meal after washing. Or use the little beauty bags made of two squares of cheese-cloth, and half filled with rolled oats. Use instead of a washcloth, washing the face first with clear water, then dipping the bag into the bowl quickly and applying to the face. A milky substance will come from the bag. Do not rinse the face but let it dry with gentle patting. It will not be shiny. Dry the bag, as you can use it more than once.

VIRGINIA.—So you are one of those who bobbed their hair and now wish they hadn't. There is no way to help you to have it "grow out at once." You will have to put up with it until little by little it adds inches to its length. Massaging the scalp nightly will help to stimulate growth, and keeping the entire body well fed and nourished will also help.

CHICKENPOX.—I am sorry it is against the rules of this department to answer letters by mail, and I am even more sorry that I cannot help you out about the sores. Massaging with a good cold cream sometimes helps. Using cold cream before applying powder also aids slightly in concealment.

MOTHER.—You must make that small boy of yours sit up straight. Perhaps he is not very strong, and so he just naturally slumps down when he is seated. See that he eats plenty of nourishing food. You do not tell me his age, but any child should drink several glasses of milk each day, and if he is over four, as I suppose he is, he should have a good bowl of cereal with cream and sugar in the morning—but not too much sugar. Give him soft-boiled eggs, also. Do not let him eat any fried foods, nor too much meat. Be sparing of cake, never let him have pie. Do not let him eat except at regular hours. You can give him milk between your regular meal hours, but do so regularly, so that this constitutes another meal for him. If he eats candy, let it be following a meal, not between meals. Encourage him to eat apples and other fruit, except bananas. If you increase his strength, you will increase his ability to hold himself erect without effort. Not sufficient strength may be where the trouble lies. Weigh him every week, and let him know you are making him gain as he should. Write either to the Children's Bureau, Washington, D. C., or to the Elizabeth McCormick Memorial Fund, Child Welfare Department, Chicago, Illinois, and ask for a weight chart showing just what your child should weigh year by year. Then have him practice arm-and-shoulder exercises, also breathing exercises daily. It takes time, but it is really essential. Make a game of it. Offer a small prize when he can bend forward and touch the floor with his finger-tips without bending his knees and then bend backwards and touch the floor with his finger-tips that way. Whatever you do, do not use braces; that only takes all the work off the muscles and makes them lazier and more inadequate than ever.

Straightening Exercise

Have the boy stand erect, with heels together, toes slightly turned out, chin up, chest out, shoulders dropped. Now have him breathe in through the nose slowly, counting five or six, or as much as he can stand without losing his breath at once, for the point of the exercise is to have him hold the breath for a moment and then let it out again through his nose, to the same number of counts as it took him to breathe it in. Repeat this ten or twelve times. Now have him raise his arms to shoulder height, extending them straight out in front of him, back of hand to back of hand. Now have him throw his arms back without letting them fall below the level of the shoulders, and without bending the elbows. He is to throw them back as if they were going to meet behind his back. Of course they won't meet—they can't—but he can throw them with as much force as if he were trying to make them meet. Be sure they are kept shoulder high, and that he is standing straight as he exercises. Bring the arms back, without bending or lowering, and repeat several times. This is an excellent exercise. Then have him practice the floor-touching exercise, being sure that the knees do not bend. He

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Hair Often Ruined By Careless Washing

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Winter Coughs and Colds of Children—Continued

IN our last month's talk we were discussing croup and its treatment, and suggested the hot bath if symptoms were severe. You should use some mild emetic, syrup of ipecac in one-half to one teaspoonful doses, every two hours until relieved. If you have not the ipecac, dissolve a little mustard in lukewarm water, as this is a simple emetic available in most homes. Ticking the upper part of throat will often cause vomiting and relief. If none of these simple things relieve, get a physician and he will give hypodermic of apomorphine, one-tenth gr., which rarely fails to cause vomiting. If possible, moisten the air in the room by vapors of steam from kettles. Have child inhale steam from pitcher of steaming hot water to which has been added a teaspoonful of cooking soda. Have seen cases relieved at once by covering mother and baby with large sheet, and then slaking lime under the sheet, as they get the moist fumes from the slaking lime.

These cases are not serious, and the only precaution to follow is to be sure that you have a case of simple croup and not the fatal membranous croup or diphtheria.

MEMBRANOUS CROUP is classified by most boards of health as laryngeal diphtheria, and is a disease of childhood, very fatal in character. The danger is great in proportion to the youth and feebleness of child. There is intense swelling of larynx which is soon covered with thick membrane that quickly spreads to the vocal organs and inner surface of the epiglottis. There is huskiness of the voice, harsh, croupy, metallic cough, which may change to a husky sound. With simple croup there is a high-pitched or crowing sound, and this is one of the points of distinguishing the two conditions. Breathing is difficult and the child cannot rest lying down; if exhausted it lies quiet for a moment, then starts up in fright, breathing heavily, with whistling sound as it takes in its breath. This is a serious disease, and if you suspect that your baby has it get a competent physician at once. There are a few simple things that you can do before the physician arrives; syrup of ipecac in one-half teaspoonful doses, but you have to use emetics with caution, as the patient's strength is to be considered. Inhaling vapors of slaked lime under sheet will help to dissolve membrane or at least detach it so that it can be coughed up. Hot compresses around the throat and the upper chest are helpful. To maintain baby's strength you may give liquid nourishment and brandy or whiskey in doses of ten drops to one teaspoonful according to age.

I know of no more serious condition to contend with than membranous croup in a baby, and often it puzzles the physician to know what to do first as you must do the right thing and do it quickly. The most important thing is to loosen the membrane that is slowly but certainly choking the baby, and during the meantime you must keep up the baby's strength. If antitoxin is available and the symptoms seem serious it would be good treatment for the physician to give a moderately large dose of antitoxin. The favorable symptoms are looseness of cough, changing of the whispering voice to hoarseness, and fever moderating. The unfavorable symptoms are loud breathing with prolonged expiration, whispering voice, or no voice at all, and congestion of face and neck, nose-bleed, cold feet, clammy perspiration, lips blue, all of which show baby is struggling to get oxygen into its lungs.

In our last two talks we have tried to offer some simple suggestions as to treatment of coughs, colds and the different kinds of croup, but we wish to impress upon the mothers this fact: the best treatment in the world is preventive treatment, and what we mean by this is to avoid the colds. Dress the baby warmly, avoid drafts and try and keep it in the same temperature. Cold weather will not make a baby take cold if it is only dressed properly; it is the sudden changes, drafts, wet clothes, especially wet feet.

Keep the child's digestion in good condition, for it is a well-known fact that if the digestion is upset the child is more susceptible to colds. Don't take chances by dosing a child with any of the cough medicines that are put up and for sale all over the country. If a cold gets beyond your treatment with syrup of ipecac, hen's oil, goose oil and camphorated oil, locally, get a competent physician and have him intelligently prepare medicine and prescribe treatment for the baby.

In our Question and Answer Department we often answer the same question over and over, and while we are willing to do this it would be more helpful to all interested if you would cut out these questions and answers and paste them in a scrap-book for future reference. Our subject next month will be *Indigestion of Babies*.

Questions and Answers

DIET AND WORK DURING PREGNANCY, BABY'S WARDROBE, ETC.—I am an expectant mother, four months pregnant, and am writing for advice in regard to baby's wardrobe, what clothing, material, etc. What things will I need to get myself, diet during pregnancy, about working, and will it do any harm to wear corsets?

MRS. A. T. E., Ind.
A.—For baby, flannel receiving blanket, three flannel abdominal bands, 18 inches long and five inches wide, pinked, not hemmed; three shirts, pinning blanket of outing flannel, three nightdresses of outing flannel, three dozen diapers made out of cheese-cloth or cotton diaper cloth. For yourself, clean sheets, nightdresses, abdominal band made out of cotton flannel. There should be two basins for hot water, bed-pan, rubber sheeting large enough to cover bed and a small piece one yard square, one pound of antiseptic absorbent cotton, four ounces of powdered boric acid, bottle of olive oil and vaseline. Keep yourself in as near a normal condition as possible, regular diet, being especially careful to have kidneys and bowels performing their functions in a proper manner. You may do your work, in fact work in moderation will take up your time and help your digestion, but avoid getting overtired, or heavy lifting, avoid jolts and jars and do not run a sewing-machine, avoid excitement of all kinds, have clothing comfortable, but hanging from shoulders; maternity corsets are helpful as they give more or less abdominal support.

VARICOSE VEINS, BROWN SPOTS.—I am an expectant mother and am troubled with varicose veins. Can you suggest treatment? Also what can I do for brown spots on face?
MRS. G. W., Carroll, Iowa.
A.—For the varicose veins, bandage the legs with

three-inch flannel bandage (cut on the bias) from toes up to and above the veins involved.
For the brown spots get the following recipe filled, and if this lotion is patiently and persistently used as directed you will get relief:
RECIPE.—Hydrargyri Chloridum Corros. grs. 6. Acidi Aceticum, Dil. ounces, 2. Boric acid, scruples, 2. Aqua Rosae, Qs, ad, ounces, 4.
M. Sig. Apply on spots, night and morning, until they are removed.

CAUTION.—This should bear a Poison label.
The brown spots, which occur in young mothers, are simply a discoloration of skin, unattended with alteration of surface, and are caused by the physiological changes of the circulation to the skin at this time.

The foregoing recipe and explanation that follows it appeared in this department in our last August number. Since then we have received so many requests to furnish it by mail or reprint it in COMFORT that we here suggest that our women readers clip it now and paste it in their scrap-books for future reference.—Editor.

FOOD AND SLEEP, TEETH.—My baby, 13 months old, has four teeth, and I am writing for information. Also, will you give list of foods to give her, and tell me how much sleep she should have?

MRS. L. W. H., Coolidge, Texas.
A.—I should not be alarmed about baby's teeth, as in healthy children they are sometimes delayed in coming. The baby's diet should be largely milk, and if you add a tablespoonful of lime-water to each six ounces of milk, it will aid in the development of the teeth and bones. A baby thirteen months old should go to bed at 7 P. M. and sleep all night and have a two-hour nap in forenoon and the same in the afternoon, taking care that the child has fresh air.

COLOR OF STOOLS, ETC.—What is the cause of stools of baby turning diapers pink? Will external piles get well of their own accord, or what can be done for them? Is there any danger of taking douches during monthly period?

MRS. L. S., Ohio.
A.—I know of but two things that will cause diaper to be pink or red; baby or the mother taking, internally, phenolphthalein, as a laxative, or if there was a little blood in the stools this would become pink if diaper was wet.

Sometimes piles dry up if cause is removed; if not, have them removed under cocaine.

Yes, there is danger of suppression if douches are taken during monthly period.

BED-WETTING.—I have a girl, five years old, that wets the bed every night, and, as I have had her treated for four months without relief, I come to you for help.

MRS. G. B., Elizabethtown.
A.—Bedwetting sometimes is an obstinate condition to treat as you must first remove the cause. This may be a highly nervous condition, malnutrition, relaxed muscles, impaired health from diseased tonsils, or adenoids, or from constipation. Would suggest that you get her general health in the best possible condition, remove tonsils and adenoids, if need be, or if they affect breathing. Keep bowels regular, give dry supper, no liquids before going to bed, and make a practice of getting her up when you retire, and you will soon establish a habit.

PERICULOUS.—One of my children has head lice and I have tried castor oil, also coal oil, without relief. Please tell me what will relieve this condition, also what will kill the eggs, as I am thirty miles from a physician.

MRS. E. J., Colorado.
A.—Should apply kerosene oil to head freely, wrap head in cloth and leave all night, then shampoo head thoroughly with soap and warm water, comb out hair with fine-tooth comb, then apply a little mercurial ointment (blue ointment) all over head; leave three hours then shampoo head with soap and warm water. One or two treatments will get rid of them.

CONDENSED MILK, AMOUNT AND FREQUENCY OF FEEDINGS.—LOOKING FOR BOTTLED BUTTER, COLD IN BABY THREE MONTHS OLD.—Mrs. J. R., Pennsylvania; Mrs. R. E. M., Conn., Mich.; Mrs. W. S. K., Bow Island, Alta., Canada.

A.—The ideal food for baby is mother's milk, if healthy; next best, cow's milk, modified; if neither is available, we then have to use condensed milk, malted milk, etc. In any of these you can safely use lime-water, tablespoonful to six ounces of food. It cannot do harm, and most certainly is good, to neutralize acidity of stomach, also good for bones and teeth. Equal parts of lime-water and milk, in teaspoonful doses, will often relieve acid vomiting in babies and adults.

A baby six months old should be given six ounces of food every three hours during day.
For a cold, in baby three months old, should grease area of nose with hen's oil, one or two drops in each nostril, for head cold. Warm camphorated oil on chest, if chest cold, with fifteen drops of syrup of ipecac, every three hours, as an expectorant.

COLIC.—My baby, six weeks old, has colic badly and is badly constipated. I nurse him but he cries awfully after nursing. Have tried milk of magnesia, catnip and fennel, and have to give him tablespoonful doses of castor oil to get result. How much water should I use as rectal enema for a baby of his age?

MRS. H. H., Bloomville, Ind.
A.—A nursing baby's digestion will be like its mother's, only worse if he is bad. Get your own digestion in normal condition, not alone with laxatives but by diet—eat fruit, apples, one first thing in morning and last thing at night, with glass of water, prunes, figs, bran muffins, bran cereals, molasses cookies, etc.

Have baby nurse slowly; rapid nursing causes gas and colic. Teaspoonful doses of castor oil is good treatment for gas; tablespoonful doses are too large for six-weeks baby.

Four ounces is the amount of liquid used for an enema for baby, but should only be used in an emergency.

WEANING BOTTLE-FED BABY.—My bottle-fed baby will be a year old in May, and should I wean her before summer? What and when should I feed her, as she has no teeth?

MRS. C. R., Cleveland, Ohio.
A.—Do not hurry about weaning her as she will take more milk this way, and you can begin feeding her food with caution after she is one year old. (b) Give her oatmeal gruel, orange juice and any simple broths.

BOILS.—I have an 18-months-old girl who has boils, or something like a boil, as they start in as a white-headed pimple, then get red and harder until they come to a head, then burst, a soft core comes out and they heal up, leaving a purple spot where the skin seems to draw in. Her health seems good aside from this. Please give cause and treatment.

MRS. A. S., Wooster, Ohio.
A.—The cause of the condition you so clearly picture is due to the condition of your little girl's blood, and, while her health may seem to be normal, this is nature's way of throwing off impurities. Give her the following internally:

RECIPE.—Tinct. Chloride of Iron, one-half ounce. Simple syrup, q.s., ad, six ounces.

M. Sig. Teaspoonful in water, after food three times a day, through glass tube if she will take it this way.

For local application, get your druggist to put you up one pint of Dakin's solution, and bind on gauze or cotton wet with this solution, night and morning, at any stage of their development, and I think you will soon clear up this condition.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7.)

Love to all and I would like to receive letters from sisters in different parts of the country. Will try and answer any that I may receive.

MRS. R. V. LONG.

MRS. LONG.—Perhaps if you had told us some of the stunts you do at your club meetings we would know better what to tell you about ours. And while you are about it, you might as well tell us about the lunches you serve and the presents you give, so we can do likewise, if you're better than ours.—Ed.

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DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:

May I come into your cozy corner for a chat and a bit of advice?

Not so very many years ago, when I was a girl, I had a letter printed in the Cousins' Department and received many beautiful cards and interesting letters from all over the United States. Since that time I was married to one of the best men in the world, but he died three years ago, leaving me with two babies.

This is the advice for which I ask: Do the Comfort sisters think a woman should marry again when there are children? Perhaps someone from their own experience can tell me if happiness was the result. I have

MOTHER!

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a good home but it is somewhat of a struggle to keep it and the two children.

I would say to Undecided Mother, by all means give your daughter dancing lessons. Nothing gives her beauty and grace of body as dancing. It does not mean that she will ever be on the stage and actresses can and do live good lives.

Country Lassie, don't be discouraged at twenty. In ten years from now you will wonder how you thought your dreams had come to an end.

I hear someone say "description" so I'll give a short one and then go. I am twenty-eight years old, five feet, six inches tall, have dark hair and eyes and fair complexion and, best of all, a sense of humor.

I would like to hear from some of the sisters if they will send to Mrs. Wilkinson for my address.

I will close with a little rhyme that expresses my sentiments exactly:

Love to make you happy,
Health to make you blest,
That is all I wish you,
Leave to God the rest.

BLACK-ETED SCRAN.

What is the opinion of the sisters as to marriage?—Ed.

BARLOW, OHIO.

DEAR COMFORT:
I am enclosing money for my subscription. It hasn't expired, but never in the ten or twelve years that I have taken it have I missed receiving it.



BELLE MAXINE LANE.

I have a darling baby girl, named Belle Maxine, thirteen months old and weighing twenty-four pounds. She walks and says several words. I hope to see her picture in COMFORT for postcards and received 1,800. I have them yet and my little girl is fond of them when sickness confines her to her bed.

MRS. LANE.—Of course she is serious looking. Who wouldn't be with only one thin soda cracker for a Valentine lunch. Don't you care, Belle, in a few years you'll be eating turkey and pudding 'n' everything.—Ed.

MISHAWAKA, IND.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:
I am a stranger to you but you and the sisters are far from being strangers to me. I have been reading the sisters' letters so long and have received so much help, encouragement, new ideas and hearty laughs that I feel selfish. I have never forgotten when I was about seventeen (which was a long time ago) I put my name in COMFORT for postcards and received 1,800. I have them yet and my little girl is fond of them when sickness confines her to her bed.

I am married, 33 years of age, 5 feet, three inches tall, have dark brown hair and blue eyes and have one little girl (Bonnielyn Virginia), aged eight years. My occupation is cigar manufacturer. I have solved my problem at least of earning money at home as my shop is built on the rear of our home. My husband works steadily and has good habits but I like to help financially as we are buying our home. Any other sister running a "buckeye" please write to me or any others also as I like to receive letters. Mrs. Wilkinson has my address. And now to return some of the help I have had.

Do all the sisters know that a tablespoonful of vinegar will take the place of an egg in a cake?

That ladies' black stockings less can be made into lovely underdraws for kiddies? I rip them, starch and iron them to make the work of cutting and sewing easier. Then wash again when finished.

That tailor's samples make good holders or hifters if stitched together and a garter hook on the corner so

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hang it up by? Wool doesn't heat through as easily as some other materials.

That a very pleasing little gift for shower or birthday can be made from a man's three handkerchiefs? Get the white ones with dainty colored borders. The cap is made by sewing tape around about two inches from the hem and running a narrow elastic through it. The apron is made by cutting off the corner about six inches and using it for a pocket. A ribbon or India linen band finishes it. The remaining handkerchief can be easily converted into a pair of sleeve protectors. Fold this one diagonally twice and measure out from point in center the width of hand or wrist and cut, curving slightly at top or hem as top must be wider than the wrist. The remaining corners can be used for cuffs. Gift may be made more elaborate by adding borders of baby ribbon, harmonizing with the colors in roses.

And how many of the sisters are helping or cheering our disabled soldiers over the country? I mean personally, not through the Red Cross (for we all do that). They were cheered when they went away, why not cheer them now when they need it most? Such a large, loving, jolly family could do wonders if each sister only helped one. I have helped four, and two of them had to have help for their families, and I intend to help as long as I hear of their needs. Let's hear from some of the sisters interested in this work.

Love to all. A HOOSIER SISTER.

PICTURE BUTTE, ALTA.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I have read your letters for so long that now I must try my luck too. Would a person ever believe there were so many cheery housewives in this world? It has done me good to read their letters for I am to be married in the near future and sometimes I have wondered if I would get tired of doing housework every day when I might stay single and enjoy myself. But the COMFORT sisters seem so happy with their work and children that I think I'm safe in trying it.

COMFORT is an American paper and thus is not in many of our Canadian homes around here.

I will describe myself before closing. Nineteen years old, five feet, three inches tall, weigh 112 pounds, have dark brown hair and greyish brown eyes. I have one sister married also four married brothers and one brother with me at home. We live on a farm. Our nearest neighbor is half a mile away. It is lonesome in the winter. I would like to hear from some of the girl members.

Sincerely your sister, ILLA F. McNABB.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I must stop long enough to tell that "love and kindness" rule the whole world, whether it be to a gray-headed man and woman or tiny baby tots.

South Carolina Sister, sometimes I have as many as 14 youngsters whose ages range from two years to thirteen all rippling with fun and playing. What do I do when I feel nervous and need my own two kiddies to help me? Tell all of the children to help sweep, brush, wash dishes, draw water or whatever I need, and then off to their play again. Treat the neighbor's child as you do your own and if it dislikes to help you will soon see the little feet going in a hurry toward home and no harm done. I don't mean to keep the neighbor's child busy all the time; it's the child that wants to stay with you, like your own, and then it needs the training. Every neighbor I have had since I have been housekeeping says I could take their children away from them, and some even beg their parents to let them come and live with me. I have the first child to scold for ever coming. I have been unable to see after them many a time, and then I would quietly say, "honey, mama might need you, and you go now and see," and not even the child, let alone the mother, was the least bit hurt. This rule will work every day and seventy times seventy each day. I am 36 years old and been married 15 and these years have proved it to me. Don't make your child work all the time its company is there; give them a chance to enjoy themselves as a child is a child. But when the child of your neighbor just wants to stay with you all the time let them help you for many children will try to get away from mama and go visiting just to keep from helping her and when you find it out let them learn that we all have to work.

Sure enough dear "Mollie Joe" I will give you my ideas how I would play. Treat your stepmother as you would your own mother and try to love her, for love hides a multitude of sins. Do the home errands as you always did, let her help and when it comes to buying for her and yourself the same priced goods and if she should get a little nervous sometimes allow for that for I imagine a stepmother has a handful the same as the stepchild and when she is in a pleasing mood talk over the ways of the home and let her have one job and you another. Should one wash one week, or scrub or bake, let the other do it the next, try it time about or day about. I had the experience of this "time about" plan when I was a girl. There were nine of us children and I was the oldest girl and one orphan boy older than either of us nine children. Mother was not well so I cooked the breakfasts with the help of one of the little boys. Each one of the boys helped us when his turn came around and never a word did I hear from either one for each knew when his time came. The same way when the supper dishes were washed. Now each one of the nine has a home of his own and the orphan boy has, too. And dear old dad and mother still live and keep house and have an orphan girl with them. Always and room to help the children without parents and never impose on them. Many will give them a home as a slave and not as a child.

I believe in each one doing his bit. I earn my own spending money every year and I don't have to "fuss" over the pocketbook. I can fruits and vegetables for the market and sold, last season, seventy dollars' worth. I save all in the home I can. I make my own laundry soap, also my toilet soap, no grease nor lye used and it doesn't cost over two cents a pound to make the laundry soap. I use any color and any perfume in my toilet soap. I make over many pieces of clothing, cut down dresses for the girl and there are many things to be made over to save the cost of buying. I color her school dresses; when she gets tired of one I color it another and she loves it like a real new one. Don't buy costly clothing for the growing child unless you make it with larger seams and hem so as to let it out and nine times out of ten when it is let out it shows signs of wear and will have to be colored over to hide this.

I make my own garden. Raise many thoroughbred Pure Leghorns as it doesn't cost any more to raise a brown-bred fowl than it does a mixed. When I want to buy anything and haven't the money I buy on the installment plan as I then can have time to make my own money to pay for it. I bought my sewing machine this way, and when I got it paid for I bought my organ, and then I bought my typewriter. I don't know what I will buy next.

Don't think I have to buy things this way or not get them for my husband buys for me and is as good as any man ever was, but I always wanted to help win the battle and am succeeding and hope my experience will help others.

I am a real flower lover and spend many hours among the plants. I draw my water in the afternoon and let it warm in the sun before watering plants. I use equal parts of chip dirt or woods earth, sand and good garden loam for all pot plants. I didn't have much luck with my pot plants until I began to use an insect destroyer on the leaves as little insects would gather under them and take away the nourishment or coloring and soon the leaves would drop off.

I wish, Mrs. Wilkinson, that you could come and spend the day with me, for life on the farm is not in the least as it is in the city. There is "big" room in the fields, meadows, and the long highways where fast speeding autos travel and enjoy the pleasant breezes of summer. Nature's way seems beautiful, no hand of art can ever be compared with our Creator's hand, every vine, tree or river is just a picture; if we always tried to find the "beautiful" every thing would be different. I always try to picture the "beauties" of everything, the setting sun, a fleecy cloud, a bird on the wing, the grazing cattle, a playing child and hundreds of others too numerous to mention are all living pictures. When the blues overtake you sisters call to remembrance what I have said and stop a minute to take in pictures of reality.

A long-time COMFORT Sister,

MRS. F. T. MULLIKIN.

TEXAS.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND FOLKS:

This is my third attempt to enter the corner but I shall keep on trying until I succeed. However, by my past failures I lost the only potted plant I had, a wee fern. My neighbor said the corner was a fake and I told her it wasn't and that I would write a letter and if it was not published within two months I would give her my fern. It was not published. Then she

told me to try again and if successful she would return my poor little fern. I failed that time also but here I am again. Please Mrs. Wilkinson, print this for I am a lover of house plants and that was the only one I had. That's a dear, I knew you would.

I am going to mention a subject I would like to hear discussed by both sexes. "Can a woman of the streets be uplifted?" I say, "Yes," that by the right treatment the majority of them can be. Some women do not care for the good, pure life while others are longing deep down in their hearts for friends, husband, home and babies.

Another question, is it fair to scorn a girl gone wrong through love of a man? Now mothers and fathers, think of that innocent girl of yours, loving to distraction a man she thinks is all that is good and true. He makes her think he loves her. The courtship ends with the disgrace of the little girl, besides the mental and physical suffering she must undergo. What of the man? He goes free without a sign of disgrace or suffering. The girl is scorned by all, even those who were once her dearest friends and unless she has a strong will power and friends to aid her she will end by becoming a woman of the street.

Let every person remember what Christ said, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." I have given this subject much attention of late years, since the dearest friend I ever had was betrayed by the man she loved. Thank God, that with my encouragement she is now a happy wife of a good husband. Another case in town of an orphan girl who got a wrong start and kept going down until she was a horrible creature, smoked, drank and used morphine. I saw her one day as I was waiting in the station for a train, and asked her what pleasure and happiness she found in such a life. She told me how she longed for a home, some place where no one knew her past and how she always dreamed of a dear baby to care for, and a good husband. I talked to her and persuaded her to go to a hospital and be cured of the drug habit and to hold up her head and try to do what was right, and when people saw she was doing right they would forget. She took my advice. That was three years ago. Two years ago she married a soldier; they have adopted a baby boy and now she is living a clean life.

I will give you a description of myself and then go. I am five feet, two inches tall, weigh one hundred and ten pounds, have brown hair, blue eyes and am twenty-four years old. Have an average good husband and two boys, one seven and the other two. A little baby girl passed away three years ago.

TEXAS BLUE BONNET.

PARLIN, COLORADO.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND FRIENDS:

This is "Happy Mother from Colorado" coming in again for a little chat. I want to tell you how I solved those perplexing questions in the February issue of COMFORT, 1921. First, though, let me say Mrs. Wilkinson must be one of those lovely but heartless housekeepers I spoke about, for she sent me a stack of nice letters sympathizing with me but printed those in COMFORT which were more criticizing—all of which were for the good of the soul.

Now I've taken a fifteen-year-old orphan girl out of an orphanage to be company for me on the lonely ranch and also to help care for baby. She is such a treasure it would be hard to do without her.

Also I finally got courage enough to tell my unwelcome neighbor to stay home during the day so she has not bothered me much since but, folks, she is not my mother-in-law as some of you supposed in your letters. Since then my health has improved and life looks bright and sunny to me again. It seems to me if we would each try hard to love more and criticize less, life would be summer for all.



MARY ELLEN McDONOUGH AND HER MOTHER.

Our ranch is twelve miles from Gunnison, where the State Normal is located. The streams around here are filled with native trout, and every summer are lined with fishing tourists. The climate is very cool and delightful in summer, but winters are long and severe. The summer season is comparatively short and hay is the principal crop raised.

Am enclosing a picture of our baby, Mary Ellen, taken last August with her mother—which we would like to see printed in COMFORT.

Why don't the mothers write more letters to our corner, telling of their experiences with children? I am sure there are many hearts hungry for just those kind of letters, offering friendly counsel.

I would especially like to hear from some of the ranch mothers.

MRS. CHARLIE McDONOUGH.

Claribel.—If you could see my house sometimes you'd know—but there, I'm not even going to make any damaging confessions. The letters of criticism had to be printed to make things interesting. Who ever heard of an entirely affirmative or entirely negative debate? It would have been possible to have printed just Mary Ellen's picture but why do that when everyone is interested in Mary Ellen's mother? Your reference to loving more and criticizing less makes me believe that you will like this poem of Strickland Gillilan's, long a favorite of mine. I'd give credit to the paper I clipped it from years ago but I've forgotten. Thanks just the same.—Ed.

"Folks need a lot of loving in the morning;
The day is all before, with cares beset—
The cares we know and they that give no warning;
For love is God's own antidote for fret."

"Folks need a heap of loving at the nighttime—
In the battle lull, the moment snatched from strife—
Halfway between the waking and the croontime,
While bickering and worryment are rife."

"Folks hunger so for loving at the night-time,
When wearily they take them home to rest—
At slumber-song and turning-out-the-light-time—
Of all the times for loving, that's the best!"

"Folks want a lot of loving every minute—
The sympathy of others and their smile!
Till life's end from the moment they begin it,
Folks need a lot of loving all the while."

DURANGO, COLO.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

I have had several mothers ask me how I cured my two-year-old girl from sucking her finger, so I decided to submit the answer to you for publication in COMFORT if you see fit. While I do not say that every child can be cured in the same way, it worked with mine, but every mother has to learn what appeals to her own child the most.

By the time my baby was two years old, the habit of sucking her finger had become so constant and annoying that I could hardly bear it, besides she was deforming her finger. I knew I had to do something. We lived in the country where my little girl didn't get to see many toy displays as town children do, but she enjoyed pictures and books. One day I picked up a catalogue and showed her some pictures of pretty dolls and not having any idea my plan would work I said to her, "Now if you won't ever suck your finger any more, mamma will send and get you one of these pretty dolls with hair like yours and slippers on its feet." She was too young to know how to make me a promise, but I could see she was thinking, wide-eyed and sober.



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She knew what I meant. About three days passed and she had not sucked her finger, then one night she woke up beside me and I noticed she was very restless so, thinking she would go right back to sleep, I didn't say anything to her. But she turned and twisted for quite a while, when in the dark I heard the little tongue slip in a whisper, "Doll would come," so I knew then that she was trying to go to sleep without sucking her finger. I will say the doll wasn't long in arriving, and I never, not even once, ever caught her with her finger in her mouth again. She loved that doll better than any toy she has ever had.

If people could only realize the explicit faith a little child puts in the words of older folks, how very careful they would be to keep every promise made to a little one. 'Tis a terrible thing to destroy a little child's confidence. We can all learn so very much from babies. I like this little verse:

"Speak gently to the little child,
Love be sure to gain,
Teach it in accents soft and mild,
It may not long remain."

MRS. C. MOXLEY.

NEBO, N. CAROLINA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

I feel like an intruder to call so often but you have asked me to come again and many of the sisters have written me requesting me to write again to this corner so here I am. Since my letter was printed in June COMFORT I have received so many letters I couldn't answer all but I want to thank each and every one of you who wrote me nice chatty letters without getting an answer, all except the ones who send endless chain prayers, and there were not a few of those. I burned them soon as I received them and think I did right.

First I must express my appreciation of COMFORT as I think more of it than any of my magazines. One of COMFORT's chief virtues is that there is always something as an incentive to better living, especially in the Sisters' Corner. I most truly appreciate the good things you shower upon us from the printed page.

I enjoy all the letters but especially those telling of ways of doing things, the common everyday tasks which fall to most of us. Each of us has some way of doing our work that is different from others; many prefer to have a routine for their work. That is, washing on Monday, ironing on Tuesday, baking on Wednesday, and so on. I don't think there is any harm in this but there is harm in the absolutely senseless manner in which so many rigidly adhere to this routine. It doesn't matter if their heads are splitting, if their backs are aching and they feel scarcely able to stand, they have an insane belief that the washing has got to be done on Monday and so on. I believe in routine as long as it is reasonable and not at the expense of our health. I have washed a lot of times on Thursday or Friday and it did just as well. Here is an idea on which many will not agree with me I'm quite sure. Instead of putting baby to bed at six as most all of you do, I find it far more convenient to put him to bed at eight. Therefore he sleeps until eight in the morning, giving me plenty of time to get the morning work done before he awakes, and that is my busiest time. By eight I'm through with the work and have ample time for his bath, etc. I also have time at night to cuddle him in my arms and sing stanzas of little songs to him. He looks for this every night and I wouldn't have him miss the joy of being cuddled in my arms for anything. Being up until eight doesn't affect his health in the least. I'm sending in a little poem I'd like to see in COMFORT.

I have a few ideas to pass on that I hope will be helpful to other mothers. For making pin money at home I have had success in making dainty baby clothes for mothers. Here is a novel idea for a cover for baby's carriage. Take four fine embroidered linen handkerchiefs, join together with Baby Irish insertion. Finish edge with Baby Irish lace and place a bow of blue satin ribbon in center. Partly worn table linen makes ideal soft towels and wash-cloths for baby. To make an unusual creeping rug for baby, take an old grey blanket and all over its surface sew funny animals cut from bright colored materials. These may have flat button eyes if desired. I am making my baby boy a nice story book from the Cubby Bear stories.

Will someone please tell me how to acquire swift-ness? I am like the tortoise, slow. I can't be fast like some. It is a natural characteristic; however, I always try to be sure if I am slow and heed the motto, "All that you do, do with your might, things

done by halves are never done right." For instance, I never think of washing dishes without rinsing the soap from them, while a great many people leave soap on dishes, pots and pans. These same people keep clean floors—I prefer clean dishes first.

Thank you Mrs. Wilkinson for baby's picture appearing in COMFORT.

I'm ashamed to have talked so long and said so little, one of my failings.

*MRS. CLARENCE MASON.

Two Little Pairs of Boots

"Two little pairs of boots tonight
Before the fire are drying,
Two little pairs of tired feet
In a trundle-bed are lying;
The tracks they left upon the floor
Make me feel much like sighing."

"Those little boots with copper toes,
They run the livelong day!
And oftentimes I almost wish
That they were miles away,
So tired am I to hear so oft
Their heavy tramp at play."

"They walk about the new-ploughed ground
Where mud is plenty lies;
They roll it up in marbles round,
And bake it into pies;
And then at night, upon the floor,
In every shape it dries."

Today I was disposed to scold,
But when I see tonight
These little boots before the fire,
With copper toes so bright,
I think how sad my heart would be
To put them out of sight."

"For in a trunk upstairs I've laid
Two socks of white and blue;
If called to put those boots away,
O God, what should I do?
I mourn that there are not tonight
Three pairs instead of two."

"I mourn because I thought how nice
My neighbor 'cross the way
Could keep her carpets all the year
From getting worn or gray;
Yet well I know she'd smile to own
Those little boots today."

"We mothers weary get and worn
Over our load of care,
But how we speak of little ones
Let each of us beware,
What would our friends be at night
If no small boots were there?"

POINT, TEXAS.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

I have been a silent reader of COMFORT since I was a wee lassie and now that I have a family of my own I enjoy its helpful pages more and more.

I am a great lover of good reading and a subscriber to several magazines but find none so near perfect as COMFORT.

I am sure there are more sisters than myself who enjoy reading what the opposite sex has to say of us, but remember, men, you can't judge all women by what you see and find in a few. Being one myself, I know there is as much difference in women as to their individualities, as there is in darkness and daylight. I think the greatest fault to be found with our sex is knocking the other woman. I have learned this from experience and know whereof I speak. If one can seemingly dress nice and be a little free from the burden of a large family, because their less fortunate sister or neighbor cannot know just how the family purse is handled or know the private affairs of the other, they start their tongues wagging to injure that party's good name. This is done because they are jealous of their fact and economy. They never stop to think of the harm they are doing or the example they are putting before their children. Neither do they think that they are rearing girls of their own and perhaps some day someone will misjudge them and cause their lives to be miserable.

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St. Valentine's Afterglow

By Joseph F. Novak

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A WHIRLING blizzard with its dust-like, stinging snow, made the downtown district seem veritable valleys filled with innocuous bullets, and as Maclyn Townshend left the club where he had been in attendance at a directors' meeting, he threw up his arm to shield his face from the onslaught.

He had come to the meeting in a taxi-cab, but the storm, which had commenced early in the morning, had grown to such violent proportions that the taxi companies had suspended operation temporarily, and he now had to rely on the street car.

He careened along like a drunken man, the wind ever catching at the skirts of his coat and trying its best to make him aviate.

"Confound this!" he muttered, "why hadn't I sense enough to wait and have one of the boys take me home in his machine?"

Sliding, slipping, struggling, he finally reached the street corner where he was to get his car, but none being in sight, he scudded to the shelter of the store on the corner, a fashionable candy-shop.

Inside the door, he brushed his snow-frosted person and called the girl in attendance to wait upon him.

"A hot chocolate, Miss, if you please, and make it snappy, for my car may come at any minute," he said.

The girl smiled in a superior sort of way and soon had the smoking drink before him.

He sipped it, all the while his ears pricked expectantly for the clang of a car bell, for the plate-glass windows were completely snow-covered and he could not see outside.

"What a fool I am to keep up that immense house on the North Shore, when I could rent bachelor quarters at the club and be comfortable. I think I'll sell the blamed place."

A faint, muffled clang started him to his feet and to the door, but it was only a car on the cross-line wearily making its way along, and he subsided.

The minutes passed; he finished the chocolate and then, there being nothing else to do, he examined the window-display.

It was an extravagant lay-out. There were candy boxes, heart-shaped, in brilliant red or satiny-white. Plaster Cupids perched at vantage points, or danced atop the various conceits of belles and beaux.

"Valentine Day must be coming," he mused, then mentally noting what day it was, he continued to himself: "Sure enough; in a little more than a week. Lovers still send Valentines, though the style is more to candy and flowers, evidently. In my day, it was the thing to send a big paper creation, full of love-darts and sentimental rubbish and the more mushy the verses and the more gaudy the colors, the more it was appreciated. Well, let the youngsters of today be as foolish as we were. I thought, in those days, that I was very blasé, but as I reminisce I realize that I was just as crazy as the rest." From which soliloquy one might have thought Maclyn Townshend was at least sixty, though as a matter of fact he was only forty and at that one would have doubted that he had already reached twoscore.

The street car finally came and he made a dash for it. He found he had his choice of seats and sank into one of them. The vehicle droned along and finally, after what seemed an interminable time, he reached the corner a few blocks from his home. He covered the short distance as fast as the snowdrifts permitted and hurried into the house.

Everything was in perfect order, for his housekeeper was a jewel. What a contrast the place was to the wild night outside!

He threw off his wraps, and then walked briskly up and down until the chill left his body, and then went to his comfortable library.

As he gave himself up to the comfort of the room, he found his inclination to dispose of the place melt away.

"No, old shack, I think I'll keep you," he mused. "Where could I put all the truck you hold? While I'm alive, all your heavenly junk interests me and when I go, let someone else make the bonfire! One doesn't always come across so perfect a home—and you are perfect, except you lack a wife to lady it over your splendor."

Feeling no inclination to go to bed, and beset with a desire to browse a bit, he lit a cigar and then scanned the book-shelves looking for something to read.

"I wonder if there are many people who possess first issues of magazines such as I have or copies of publications long out of print. By Jove!" and he came to one shelf, "I must look at some of these old fellows."

He opened the door and picked at random, an old magazine.

"Fletcher's Magazine," he read, "I surely did enjoy it."

It was a periodical that had devoted its contents to romance and it had appealed to him in his romantic days.

He sat down and went through the publication, page by page, until he came to an installment of a serial:

"Heart o' Gold,"
By
Octavia Green.

"Gosh! I remember that I once read this darn mush aloud to Gloria Leeds."

As the name came to his mind, he felt a little tightening in his breast. In those days, Gloria had been his goddess, his all. He really believed then that he loved her, and, dear me, no doubt he did, for he sent her flowers and candy and books in those days and quoted poetry to her.

This was not the first time that Gloria Leeds' name or thoughts of her came to him. They came and went at odd intervals, perhaps when he saw someone who reminded him of her, or when some old memory brought her back to him.

But he had been a lax lover, for though he had always been courteous, thoughtful and kind and foolish after a serious sort of fashion, his attentions were the attentions of a friend and when Gloria began to look elsewhere and at others, he had quietly stepped aside.

After a bit, their paths had separated, and he lost sight of her.

Whenever he thought of Gloria, that queer little catch would come to his breast, and the desire to

see her persist, but he always construed it as a wish to have Gloria see what a really successful man he had become, for in those days he had been notorious as a man who didn't have to work if he didn't want to.

He sat down and read the installment of the story through. Yet, to save him, he could not recall what had preceded the installment he had read, nor how the story ended.

"Confound it!" he grinned, "wouldn't it kill you the way a thing like that will persist? I wonder how the blamed story did end?"

He picked up the catalogue to his own library, but failed to find the book listed. Then he took a copy of the catalogue of the city's public library but it was not listed in it, either.

He realized that the work had been ephemeral. It had appeared in the magazine, and there had probably been but one addition of it in book form, and now just because he wanted it, he couldn't get it.

At length, to get the matter from his mind, he threw the magazine aside and picked up the evening paper.

This, however, gave him an idea, for as he turned the pages, he came to "Martha Marton's Column." Martha dispensed information on all subjects from how to make soup from dishwater to how to hold a husband's love, and procured for her readers, gratis, everything from a button-hole to lost relatives.

"Wonder if she could get the book for me?" Maclyn thought, and then because the desire to get the book had become an obsession, he sat down and wrote a letter asking if the book could be procured for him.

It might have ended there, but "Martha Marton" was zealous, and in a week or so, he received a daintily written note stating that "If Mr. Townshend would kind-

"No, indeed," indignantly. "I received fifteen Valentines today; I'm not a child," and she took the paper from the flowers, shrieking with delight as the beautiful basket came to view.

"What about the book, Lurene?" he queried with good-humored impatience.

She looked at him, and a little dejected droop came to her lips.

"Take back your flowers and your candy, Mr. Townshend. I can't give you the book."

"Then why—why—" he started.

"Please don't explode, Mr. Townshend," she begged. "The book is in the house, but I cannot give it to you because it isn't mine. I want to tell you this, however. I can operate a typewriter and I've commenced to typewrite the story, and when it is done, I'll send it to you. You don't care about the book, do you? It's the story you want, isn't it?"

"True enough," Townshend admitted.

"Very well. That's what I thought. But I wanted you to come to make sure that I had the right book. Let me show it to you," and she danced out of the room.

She was back in a minute or two, however, bearing a volume, fresh and new as if it wasn't of a vintage of twenty years ago.

"That's it, isn't it?" she asked, placing it in his hands.

"Yes—" he stopped. For on the inside cover a plain card, on which a verse was written, was pasted. He gazed at it for a moment, then gently raised it, and underneath were written the words:

"A Valentine gift to Gloria.
From her true friend,
Maclyn."

Memories crowded upon him. For several minutes he stood quite still, gazing at the book which was like a segment of the past.



The shocked voice of a woman interrupted him.

ly call at No. 500 Riverdrive Terrace, Bluefield, he could get the volume he desired."

The missive was signed "Lurene Warner." Townshend grinned. Bluefield was a distant suburb of the city and he had whizzed through it many times. Such being the case, he could easily take his machine and dash up there—perhaps that very evening.

Having decided to make the call, it occurred to him that he ought to take something as a gift in return for the book for, from the stationery, and the neighborhood, he surmised that the writer would not take money for the volume.

What had he on for that night? He glanced at the calendar.

"February 14th."

Nothing to do!

St. Valentine's Day.

Wouldn't he feel foolish buying flowers and candy on that day of all days? Well, it had to be done, and even if he were to try and explain nobody would believe otherwise, so let them think his purchases were Valentine tokens.

So, with his day's work done, and dinner over, he stopped in at a florist's shop where he purchased a fragrant basket of flowers in which roses predominated, and then proceeded to a candy-shop where he bought a ten-pound box of candy.

"All dolled up as if I were going to make a proposal," he laughed to himself. "I hope my offering will compensate for the book."

He placed his offerings in the machine and started off, and after a rather long drive, reached Bluefield. Number 500 was an aristocratic old house suggesting family and ancestors.

He crunched over the hard snow with his burden and then rang the bell.

He waited for a while—no answer. Then suddenly the vestibule light illumined and a pert, saucy face, the prettiest thing imaginable, appeared between drawn curtains.

"Who are you?" demanded the vision, with a little shout.

"I'm Townshend," Maclyn yelled back good-humoredly. "I came for the book."

"Oh!" and the door was opened immediately.

"Good evening," he greeted. "I won't keep you long. May I have the book you wrote you had?"

"Why—why—" she hesitated. "Please come in and let me explain, first," and she threw open the door, so Townshend could do nothing less than accept her invitation.

"These are for you," he said, presenting the flowers and candy, "that is, provided you get me the book."

"Oh, how lovely! May I consider them as Valentines and tease my friends about my unknown admirer?" she bubbled.

"Aren't you just a bit of a flapper to be talking of admirers and such?" demanded Townshend virtuously, but with a twinkle in his eye.

He was aware of the girl's curious scrutiny of him.

"Come here, Lurene," and then as the girl came to his side, he again raised the card.

"Did you ever see this inscription before?"

"Oh, no!" Lurene replied promptly and positively.

"Listen, Lurene, is Gloria Leeds your mother?"

"Why, yes. Did you know her? How perfectly thrilling!"

"Yes, I knew her very well and when we were youngsters a bit older than you (for I don't suppose you are more than fifteen or sixteen) we were very fond of each other. Our ways drifted apart, though, and we've not seen each other for many, many years."

"You were very fond of my mother, Mr. Townshend?" Lurene queried.

"Yes, I thought a great deal of her and I suppose in time I might have fallen in love with her," he smiled, to counteract the effect of his more serious previous tone.

"I don't believe you are a bit serious!" Lurene challenged. "You wouldn't smile if you were."

"Why not? Now that it is all over may I not smile?"

"I think it is dreadful to laugh over a dead love. I don't think my mother would. I know that she cherishes a very tender feeling for you, for many times I've caught her looking at a box of keepsakes—and it was in that box that I found the book you wanted, Mr. Townshend."

"Now Lurene, the movies have been having their effect upon you. You know very well that so noble a woman as your mother would not keep a lot of trash from former admirers to mull over. I'm sure she burned all the junk I sent her."

"Gloria Leeds did not," contradicted Lurene. "She kept it all, even your picture. Shall I show it to you to prove my words?"

"Listen, little girl," Townshend said seriously. "Do you realize that you are not acting right toward your mother? I'm sure she'd be very vexed if she knew what you contemplate."

"Oh, but see how romantic it is! Why, I always knew there was a secret in her life, but she wouldn't tell me what it was when I joshed her about it."

"Lurene, Lurene, you are hopeless, I'm afraid," he said gently. "I'm sorry that I yielded to the impulse to write for the book. I didn't know that I was, figuratively, opening a book that ought to remain closed."

"Would you rather it wouldn't be opened? Did you really love Gloria Leeds, and has the sight of the book brought regrets?"

He shouted explosively.

"Oh, Lord, child! Is your mother a widow and do you want me for a stepfather since you seem to be trying to fix it up between us?"

"No," she replied scornfully. "I've got the nicest daddy and he's very much alive, thank you. I wanted to know because I've read of men who remained true to a first love and I wanted to know whether such things really happen."

Believing it all a lot of romantic rubbish in the girl's head, he thought to tease her, and so said, seriously:

"Well, Lurene, to satisfy you, I will tell you this: I believe I did love Gloria Leeds all these years, for I never found any inclination within my heart to propose to another woman. Does that confession suit you?"

"Gloriously," she returned, and dashed from the room. In a moment, though, she was back again.

"I'm going to show you those keepsakes and see if you recognize them—" and she tumbled them out upon the floor.

"Stop, Lurene," Townshend's voice was very stern, as he saw the relics which only a woman very much in love would treasure. "Are you so utterly without principle that you pry into your mother's private affairs so ruthlessly? I cannot conceive of a child of Gloria Leeds doing such a thing. Now, put every one of those things back into that box. I shall leave at once."

"My heavens!" She grabbed me by the coat-tail. "What about the flowers and candy?"

"They're Valentines from—you don't know whom," he snapped. "Now put those things away, quick!"

"I—I—think you're just awful!" and Lurene started to cry as she sat on the floor and began to put the things away. "Here I believed you a regular hero who had remained true to—to—the memory of Gloria Leeds and—and—you're a regular brute."

Townshend could not resist the girl crying. After all, she was such a child, a youngster coming into the romantic age, and what would be in extremely bad taste in a grown-up was really, after all, excusable in the child. The whole had appealed to her romantic spirit.

He picked her up from the floor.

"There, there, little girl. I didn't mean to be harsh with you and I'm sorry I hurt you—"

"Well—well—" Lurene blubbered. "I thought you'd like to know that G-G-Gloria Leeds was remaining true to you."

"It touches my vanity, Lurene," he said, "but it is unkind and disloyal to your mother to reveal her secret to me, don't you see? I—"

"Lurene!"

The shocked voice of a woman interrupted him.

The girl looked up from Townshend's arms.

"Mother!"

And she hung herself dramatically upon the woman who had entered.

"Lurene! Who is this man?"

"Mother, don't scold! It is like a beautiful story. Mother, don't you recognize Mr. Townshend?"

Townshend was staring at the woman, and recognized Gloria Leeds immediately. There seemed to be no change in her except a maturity that had only enhanced her beauty. Never before had Townshend felt his blood riot so, and then he knew that he had always cherished a deep love for this woman.

"Mr. Townshend!" she exclaimed, and he saw a glorious light in her eyes.

"Why, darling mother! I showed Mr. Townshend all the little keepsakes he gave you years ago, and which you so treasured. I wanted to show him that you still thought of him, and he has confessed that he loved you. Let him explain, my dear Aunt! Gloria Leeds, my dear sir, is not my mother, but my mother's sister, and with the shot, Lurene dashed away.

Talk about a most embarrassing moment! But though it was embarrassing, it was most glorious embarrassment.

"I suppose I might just as well make a clean breast of it, Miss Leeds. Do you recall the time we read 'Hearts o' Gold' aloud, together? The other evening I came across an installment of it in an old magazine, and desiring to read the whole book, I asked for it through 'Martha Marton's' column. Lurene wrote to me to call for it, and here I am."

Gloria Leeds had dropped into a chair. Now she sat quietly, without speaking.

"Lurene made some interesting revelations," he hinted, for the witchery of her presence showed him how much he desired her. He saw why Lurene had spoken as she had; the child had romantically planned to bring them together.

What use was there in delaying?

"Gloria!" he began impulsively. "Squelch me if you do not wish to hear what I am going to say, but if there is any response in your heart, let me go on. I love you, Gloria, and tonight I want you. You wonderful girl, you who had never lacked for suitors, was it because of me you remained single? Was it for the same reason that I never selected a mate? Can you think of me again as your lover and consent to marry me? What a pity we wasted these most glorious years when we could have been together. But I made the rare mistake of mistaking love for friendship in those boyhood days! We stand, dear, at the end of a brilliant afternoon. Soon the sun of our lives will begin to set. May we not, then, enjoy the afterglow of our love together?"

For a few minutes longer Gloria remained silent. Then:

"You quite take my breath away, Maclyn. I never expected to see this day. I can say that I never saw a man for whom I cared enough to marry—ah, dear, why quibble? We are, as you say, at the end of a brilliant afternoon. If we have wasted the sun-time of our love, let us not waste the afterglow. I am not young, yet the years seem to have made no difference in you. I have waited, Maclyn, for you, though I only realize it now. But dear, oh, dear, what shall I do to Lurene?"

"You'll kiss her for being a most engaging little Miss Flirt, that's what you'll do," he said, and rising from his chair, he caught her in his arms, and with his heart upon his lips, he kissed her.

"I know now, why I could never bring myself to part with my home, dear. I was keeping it for you."

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The Boy Who Had Never Seen an Indian



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I SAW Painted Feathers this morning," the boy said as he threw himself down on the rude log settle in front of the fire and stretched out his hands to feel the blaze. "He seemed angry about something," he went on, but he and the young braves were glad to see me. They like us, mother. Painted Feathers remembers how you took care of his little daughter, Laughing Eyes, when she strayed away from their camp up in the Blue Ridge, and he still wears the beads you gave him around his neck. Heap big chief, Painted Feathers, but I guess we've made him our friend."

The woman in homespun who bent over a savory stew brewing in a kettle that hung from the crane, smiled as she looked down in the boy's manly face. He was the counterpart of his father who had gone over the Blue Ridge hunting and never returned—lost in the trackless wilderness of the woods they feared. He wore the same kind of a rough suit of tanned skins, hide boots, and fur cap. His eyes were just as deep and fearless as his father's had been. He was his mother's mainstay now in the little cabin set so far apart from any other habitation in the depth of the wilderness. And there were Indians near, although they had been, so far, only friends to the two settlers.

"I tried to understand what Painted Feathers was angry about," the lad continued. "What was it, Eli, nothing that we have done, I trust?" the boy's mother asked, her voice trembling a little as she peered through the window at the gathering dusk and the gloomy forest that surrounded them.

"Oh, no, mother," Eli hastened to assure her. "As nearly as I could make out, Painted Feathers and the tribe are afraid of losing their land. They pointed toward the direction the Shenandoah takes, beyond the Blue Ridge, and then flows into the Potomac. They say that the land in that valley is being measured off with strange instruments and by white men who are going to bring their own tribes and build their own camps there. You can't blame Painted Feathers, mother, for his tribe settled here first. I thought as I came home what a pity it would be to take the land away from the Indians; such lofty trees and the silver river, and the buds of the wild flowers opening everywhere. I never saw the mountains look so blue as they did in the sunshine this morning, and Painted Feathers has lived here for years and years," he said, his clear, boyish voice full of sympathy.

"I know, too, how Painted Feathers feels about this valley," Eli's mother said. "He knows every deer track, and spring, and partridge call for miles around. But I think this is all talk about surveys being about, son. No one has marked out the lands in all this time, and they would scarcely begin now. How much longer the days are!" she added, turning toward the door to open it and let in the earth-soaked wind of the evening. It was early spring and the twilight was long and mellow.

She almost overbalanced, in opening the door, the boy who stood outside. His hand, which he had raised to knock with, went like a flash to his cap now. He pulled it off and stood, bareheaded, as he bowed like a young cavalier and smiled up at her. He was about Eli's age, she thought, between seventeen and eighteen, but a different sort of lad from her pioneer son. He was tall and slender and his long, pale face had the lines of an aristocrat; even his taper fingers showed his gentle heritage. Eli was like some sturdy oak, deep rooted in forest soil; but it seemed to Eli's mother as if this other boy who had come so unexpectedly to their door was a garden sapling, uprooted and out of place in the wilderness in which he now stood. When he spoke, the accents of his voice were those of the aristocrat.

"May I ask shelter of you for the night?" he begged courteously. As he spoke, Eli's mother noticed that he carried surveying instruments and his clothing was weather stained, and worn. "I have come all the way up the Shenandoah and over the mountains, measuring and marking the land, and making maps of its important features," he said. "I have not slept more than three or four nights in a bed, but after tramping through your wild forests all day, have lain down before a fire on a little straw or fodder or a bear's skin like some beast of the wood. And my cooking has been done on sticks over the same fire with chips of wood for plates," he smiled as he told of the hardships. "I have strayed away from my companions," he said, "and do not know where to spend the night."

Eli, crowding close to his mother, in the doorway, had been listening to the tale of the

stranger lad with the greatest interest. He pushed open the door now.

"Come in," he said.

"Yes, you must come in, and share our supper, and stop with us in the cabin as long as you like," Eli's mother added. And in a few minutes the three were gathered around the rough deal table before the fire, eating bowlsful of the steaming broth.

"My name is Eli. What is yours?" Eli asked, between mouthfuls.

"George," said the other lad. "I live at Mount Vernon. Our neighbor, Lord Fairfax, has an estate so large that it extends way over the Blue Ridge Mountains. Ever since I was a little lad I have ridden and walked with Lord Fairfax, and when he decided to have his estate surveyed even as far as this distant boundary, I gladly undertook the work. I like this wild life and the adventure of making new paths in the wilderness."

"Tell me about some of your adventures, George," Eli begged, leaning across the table, his eyes bright with excitement.

"The narrowest escape we had," George replied. "Was when we made our beds on the ground from straw a few nights since and were awakened by something scorching. The straw was on fire, and we were almost burned ourselves."

"Have you seen any Indians?" Eli asked.

"Not an Indian," the young surveyor replied. "Indeed, I wish that I might for I never have seen an Indian in my life. They were long ago driven out of Virginia, you know, by the Colonists. Once, though," he added, "and not so many days ago, if I remember rightly, we were setting up our stakes about a tract of land near here and we heard a sudden cracking in the bushes. There was a bit of bright color showing among the branches as we looked, like the bright feathers of a chief's head dress, but it was gone in a moment. It may have been only a scarlet tanager, though, or a red-headed woodpecker," he said carelessly.

The words had scarcely escaped his lips, though, when a sudden light flashed across the window of the cabin, lighting like day the scene outside. As scarlet and yellow leaves were whirled in a moment by a sudden gust of wind from a forest, so the thirty or more Indians who surrounded the cabin seemed to have flashed out of the woods—as swiftly, and as silently. Painted Feathers led them, dressed in fresh war paint as were all the other braves, and a scalp dangled menacingly from his belt to show that he was bent on warfare. With fierce gestures toward the cabin and the three white faces that peered in terror from the window, the Indians made their preparations. They had brought music for their war dance. One of the younger braves drummed loudly on a deer skin that he had stretched over an iron pot; another rattled a huge, dried gourd filled with shot and decorated with a horse's tail. The others built a great fire directly in front of the cabin, pulled blazing brands from it and danced in a circle with wild yells and whoops.

Eli whispered his frightened explanation to the other lad. "It's Painted Feathers and his band of braves, and they're dancing the death dance. When they finish they'll set fire to our cabin. I'm afraid. He used to be our friend, but this morning he seemed in a great rage about his land and hunting ground being taken away from the tribe by settlers." Eli's voice was only a whisper as he finished. "It wasn't a wild bird that you heard and saw in the woods when you were surveying, George. It was Painted Feathers watching you, and now he has followed you to our cabin."

The other lad's heart beat with terror, but his voice did not falter, as he spoke bravely:

"Then I am going out to give myself up to the Indians, Eli. I won't have your life and that of your mother endangered when you have been so kind as to take me, a stranger, into your house, and feed, and shelter me." He made a quick movement toward the door, but Eli intercepted him.

"Wait, George; don't! It would only satisfy their rage without really doing any good. Let us think a moment."

But as the three waited and watched, the cabin lit brightly by the fire outside, the seconds seemed hours. The shouting, excited Indians piled more logs upon the fire and fed it with pine knots until the sparks darted in a crimson cloud as high as the tops of the trees. As they danced, they circled nearer and nearer the cabin, their shrieks growing each moment more shrill and menacing. The time for action was come if the cabin and its occupants were to be saved. Before either his mother or the boy surveyor could stop him, Eli stepped out in front of the cabin, alone, and unprotected. He stood there, one hand held out in welcome to the terrible Indian chief.

The sudden apparition of the boy was a surprise to the Indians. They were silent for a moment, spellbound by the boy's bravery, and interested, as well, in something that he drew from his coat and held out in supplication toward Painted Feathers. He had grasped the object from its place on the shelf over the fireplace before he left the cabin. It was a tiny moccasin made of the softest of deerskin and embroidered with bright beads. Painted Feathers drew nearer to look, and Eli spoke to him.

"Laughing Eyes left her moccasin in the wigwam of her pale face friends. We kept the moccasin because we love Laughing Eyes. We found her when she strayed from the tribe and we gave her back to her father, Painted Feathers, the big chief."

As the boy spoke, Painted Feathers nodded his

great head slowly, and a smile softened his cruel face. As he loved the trackless wilderness, and the stars, and the flaming fires of the tribe, Painted Feathers loved his little brown daughter. Her laughter was his sweetest music, her dark arms thrown around his neck, were like the clinging of a green vine to some storm-battered tree of the forest. Eli was quick to see the advantage that he had gained and he acted upon it.

"A strange pale face has come to the cabin. He measures the land in the valley, but he is the friend of the Indians. He will protect their hunting grounds, and keep away strange tribes from the west. Will Painted Feathers say 'hello' to the stranger?" Eli asked, his voice trembling a little at what might be the outcome of his bold request.

Painted Feathers held the little moccasin in his hand now, the touch of it warming and softening his stony heart. Then he slowly nodded, his head in assent, stalking nearer the cabin door.

"Come, George," cried Eli breathlessly. "Come out and meet your friend, Painted Feathers, the big chief."

In the flaring light of the torches, the great Indian solemnly shook hands with the boy surveyor. Then, as the two boys stood in the doorway, the chief went back to the fire and gave a quick order to the braves. In a second their fearful death dance was changed to the stately steps of a dance of welcome. At its end they put out the fire, and filed silently back into the forest.

Snuggled under bearskins in front of the warm hearth, the two boys slept but little that night, and talked a great deal about their wonderful adventure.

"You needn't be afraid to go on in the morning, George," Eli assured the boy surveyor. "Painted Feathers' tribe is the only band of Indians anywhere around here, and now that he knows you are his friend, he won't harm you."

"I shall never forget you, Eli," said George. "You have taught me how to be brave."

His companions found the lad in the morning, and, with many thanks and assurances of his friendship, the young surveyor left the settlers' cabin and started away to finish his work on his trip. "I may see you on my way back, Eli," he said. But although Eli watched and waited for a glimpse of the other boy whose visit seemed to him like a dream, he did not come to the cabin again.

Over a score of years passed. Where the trees had grown there was a town now, and the cabin itself was replaced by a comfortable frame dwelling. Eli's mother was an old lady, and he a man grown; and it was a time of great stress for America, the period of the revolution.

"Great news, mother!" Eli exclaimed as he came in one day. "They say that General George Washington has taken Lord Cornwallis and all his army as prisoners. Yorktown has surrendered, and the war is over."

"General George Washington?" repeated his mother, her mind going back through the years. Then a thought came to her. "Eli," she said. "Do you remember the lad surveyor who started with us for a night when you were a boy? He told me his full name as he was leaving, and all these years, I have never thought to speak of it to you. George Washington, he said he was."

The man's eyes flashed. "One and the same," he said. "The great General, and our lad who had never seen an Indian."

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How I Earn \$2⁰⁰ to \$3⁰⁰ a Day At Home in Spare Time

NOW that I am actually earning from two to three dollars a day, right at home, in my spare time, our trials and troubles back in the Fall of 1919 seem like a dream—a nightmare that I am glad to forget.

But I can tell you there was nothing imaginary about those days, while we were struggling along trying to make both ends meet—and never quite succeeding.

My husband worked in a mill, and made good wages, but it seemed like he couldn't earn enough money to keep up with expenses. With our two little children to clothe and care for, it seemed like we were always paying bills, or planning how we could lay aside the money to pay them.

Often my husband and I would talk things over, trying to find some way out of our troubles. I was eager to help, but I couldn't leave my home and children and go to work in a factory. I didn't know any sort of work that I could do at home to make money. It began to look like there was no answer to our problem.

AND so things went along until one day late in December the express man drove up to our house and left a wooden box, addressed to Mr. Vancoillie. That night when my husband came home from work I showed him the box and asked what was in it.

"Oh, we'll call it a Christmas present for you," he laughed, and began taking the boards off the top. Pretty soon he lifted out some sort of a machine and set it on the floor.

"What in the world do you call that?" I asked.

"It is an Auto Knitter," he replied, a machine to knit wool socks. I heard about it and sent for some of their literature. It looked so good that I decided to try out their plan. So I sent for one of their machines to surprise you."

Now it isn't like my husband to make wild, reckless decisions. But for the life of me, I couldn't see the idea back of this purchase. I made up my mind that he sure had slipped up this time.

"A knitting machine!" I exclaimed. "Why, I never knit a sock in my life. I don't know the first thing about knitting."

"Of course you don't," replied that exasperating man of mine. "And you don't need to. See, we have an Instruction Book that tells just how to knit standard wool socks on the Auto Knitter. You can learn from this."

"But after the socks are knit—what then? What will we do with them?"

"Oh, that's the best part of it," my husband explained. "The Auto Knitter Hosiery Company agrees to buy every standard sock turned out on the machine. We simply bundle up the socks and send the package to them. They pay us a fixed price per dozen pairs. Also they send us yarn to take the place of that used in knitting the socks. So you see, we always have yarn to knit more socks."

WELL, I must say I felt a lot better about the Auto Knitter after he explained it that way. If I could knit socks right at home, and sell them for real money, it sure would be fine. Why it was as good as going out and working for wages—and I could do the knitting in spare time without neglecting my children or household duties.

But I still had my doubts about the Auto Knitter. I was afraid I would never learn to run it. However, when I read over the Instruction Book I found it wasn't nearly as hard as I had imagined. Then I sat down to the machine and began practicing. The machine was shipped with a piece of work already started on it, and that was a big help. It took a little time, of course, but in three days I had the machine working fine, and was making one sock after another.

A Pleasant, Profitable Occupation That Helps Us Make Both Ends Meet

By Mrs. Emile Vancoillie



"I do the knitting without neglecting my children or household duties."

Mrs. Vancoillie

Of course the neighbors soon learned about the Auto Knitter. I showed them samples of the socks, and they all wanted some right away, when they saw the fine work. So I began taking orders right away, and didn't have time, at first, to knit any for the company. I found there was a good sale for ladies' stockings, too, so I knit them as well as the socks.

ON March 12, 1920, I balanced up my little account book, and found that, after taking out the money to pay for the machine, I had a clear profit of \$33.00—all earned in spare moments between my regular work.

I kept right on with my knitter during that Spring and Summer. When I didn't have any home trade, I sent the standard socks in to the Auto Knitter people, and I always got good treatment from them. I could plan every time on getting a check from them by return mail. And they always sent along the replacement yarn, just like they agreed to do.

But the real test of the Auto Knitter came late in the Fall. From November to January the mill where my husband was employed was closed down a good part of the time, and he didn't have regular work. There was nothing else he could find to do in a mill town like this, so at last he turned to the Auto Knitter. "I am going to see what I can do to make money at home," he said.

Well we both worked at the little Auto Knitter, and kept it busy during those "lean" months. And as a result they proved to be "fat" months for us. We never had to worry about "no work at the mill," as so many others were doing. If we didn't have home orders, we kept right on knitting, because we knew we could sell every standard sock to the company.

DURING this dull period the Auto Knitter just about made the living for our family of four. We hardly had to touch our little savings account. I can't imagine how in the world we would have made out without the machine, and the checks that it brought us so regularly.

After my husband went back to work at the mill full time, I kept right on knitting in my spare moments. In February, 1921, I made \$59.99, and in March, \$64.30. All of this was for home trade. The socks were sold to friends and neighbors without a bit of trouble.

My trade has kept growing steadily, and now I can count on making from \$2.00 to \$3.00 regularly every day, besides doing all my housework. And I have orders for from three to four weeks ahead. I can always knit a sock now in 10 to 12 minutes, and a lady's stocking in 15 minutes. The knitting is so easy and pleasant. It rests me from my housework. And I am making money every time I turn the handle of the Auto Knitter.

Make Money Right At Home Knitting Socks on the Auto Knitter

You have read here what Mrs. Vancoillie says about the Auto Knitter. There isn't a bit of guesswork in what she says. Here are actual facts, put on paper. The old problem of making both ends meet set the Vancoillies to thinking. Then came the Auto Knitter to help. And now, in her spare time, Mrs. Vancoillie is making from \$2.00 to \$3.00 a day. Just imagine \$50.00 to \$75.00 a month "extra" money!

We stand ready to make you the very same offer we made Mrs. Vancoillie. Our Home Work Plan is for you, too. You make standard wool socks in your own home in spare time, with the Auto Knitter. And we pay you for making them. That's the plan in a nutshell.

A Ready Market for Every Standard Sock

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The machine itself is thoroughly substantial. Many Auto Knitters have been operated for years with perfect satisfaction. The machine weighs about 20 pounds and may be clamped to any ordinary table. It makes a sock—top, body, heel and toe—without removing the work from the machine. And it's all done in a surprisingly short time.

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Write for Full Information About Our Home Work Plan

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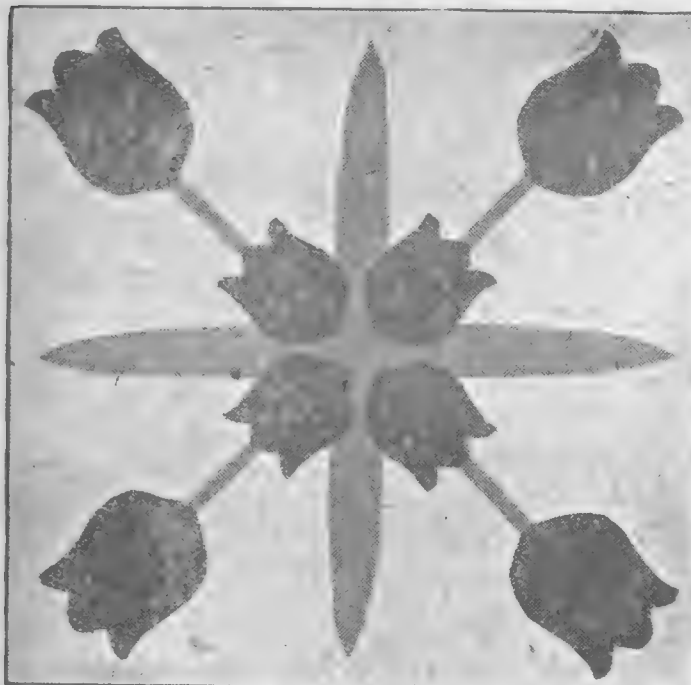
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Send me full particulars about Making Money at Home with the Auto Knitter. I enclose two cents postage to cover cost of mailing literature, etc. It is understood that this does not obligate me in any way.

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This conventionalized tulip design combines eight of the flowers which are of true and graceful outline, with leaves of a soft green. Whether or not the design is original we do not know, but it is a fine piece of needlework. Submitted by Annie Sue Manning, Ala.

Knitted Infant's Set

(Six months to one-year size.)

Materials required. Three to four skeins of white threefold Saxony, 1 pair No. 10 and 1 pair No. 14 steel needles. Our illustrations show hood and jacket finished with blue silk forget-me-nots, and the booties with tiny pink rosebuds, either of which suggestion can be used on a set. Three yards of narrow white or colored ribbon will be needed and one and one-half yards of wider ribbon for ties. To work the forget-me-nots one will require three skeins of light blue twisted silk, one skein yellow and the same of light green.

For roses, four skeins pink and the same amount of yellow and green will be required.

Pink ribbons with the forget-me-nots and light blue with the rosebud decorations make a most charming combination, or white can be used if preferred.

Directions for Knitted Jacket

This little garment is worked lengthwise, beginning by casting on 110 stitches for one side of the front and working around and binding off on the opposite front.

Knit plain, back and forth, for 38 ribs, turn, bind off 32 sts easily for armholes, knit balance of row, turn. Knit one rib on these stitches. Knit next row, finishing by casting on 22 sts for back of armhole.

Knit 70 ribs for back of jacket, then bind off 32 sts, knit balance of row. Knit 1 rib and 1 row, cast on 32 sts and complete second front by knitting 38 ribs and binding off easily so as not to draw work.

For the Sleeves

Lay fronts and backs together and sew up shoulders. Turn work so seam will be inside and beginning under arm, if one prefers to knit sleeves in, pick up 62 sts and knit 40 or 42 rows with smaller needles, rib cuffs by knitting 2 and purling 2 sts for two inches, bind off and sew up.

To make sleeve with ribs running lengthwise cast on 55 sts, knit back and forth for 46 ribs, bind off loosely. Pick up 46 sts, knit 2, purl 2 for two-inch cuff, or these can be made longer and turned back.

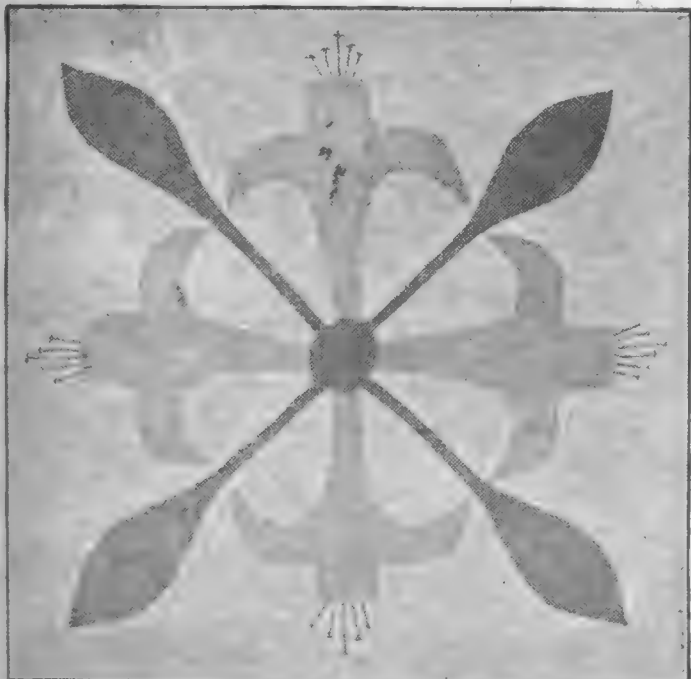
Collar

Pick up 70 sts for this. Work 2 ribs, knit 1 row, purl 1 row, 3 times, work 14 ribs and bind off. Run ribbon through the purled rows.

Directions for Knitted Hood

This is begun in the center of the crown by casting on 80 sts on fine needles. Knit 2, purl 3 for 14 rows, using large needles. Knit 10 ribs casting 1 st at the end of each row, then knit 30 ribs, knit 1 row, purl 1 row, knit 1 row, purl 1 row, knit 1 row, purl 1 row, knit 15 ribs for turn back and bind off loosely. The purled rows mark the turn back of the front of the hood.

Join ribbing and 10 rows of ribs together to form crown of hood, drawing up the 1st row so to leave a space about the size of a half dollar which is filled in with a crocheted wheel made as follows: Ch 4, join, fill with 15 or more d



Our contest seemed to demonstrate that among floral designs lilies are almost as popular as roses and tulips. Our illustration hardly does justice to the original quilt block, as the pink of the lilies was too delicate to show up more clearly. The leaves and circle of green help to make the whole a very attractive design. Submitted by Mrs. E. V. Chavis, N. C.

Things for Baby Wear

c, ch 2, 1 d c on d c, 2 d c on next, repeat, sew or crochet in place on the inside.

To finish the neck of the hood, turn back the front and pick up stitches and knit back and forth making 8 or 10 ribs. Bind off.

Mocassin Booties

Casting on 60 sts on large needles, knit 2 ribs, cast 1 st on each end for next 4 rows, knit 3 ribs, cast off 1 st at end of every other row until one has 9 ribs, knit 3 ribs on these stitches.

Knit 1 row, purl 1 row, repeat twice more. Then 6 ribs, knit 1 row, purl 1 row, 7 ribs. Bind off. Sew up the bottoms and fronts of booties and turn over tops. Run ribbons through purling, which should come on the outside.

Decorations

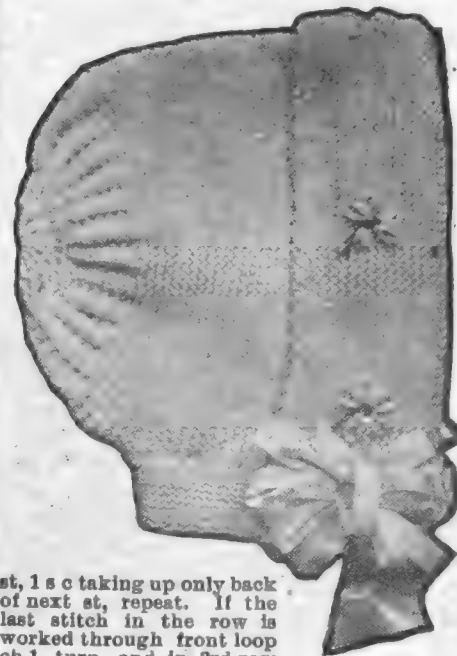
The little forget-me-nots are formed of five blue silk lazy-daisy stitches around three yellow French knots and one stitch of green for stem. These are placed on the front of both jacket and hood and the top of the booties. If rosebuds are preferred, begin each with three yellow French knots and around these form the roses with pink silk, the stitch used being really an outline stitch but worked round and round, and closely together, first binding the knots together, and then round and round, each stitch placed so as to bind and hold up the previous round. These little buds stand right out instead of being allowed to lie flat on the woolly background. Finish each with three green stitches or loops and narrow green ribbon to form tiny leaves.

Apple-Seed Stitch

This is simply single crochet stitch worked as follows:

Make 4 ch, turn, 1 s c in each st excepting the first, ch 1, turn.

2nd row—1 s c taking up only front loop of



KNITTED HOOD.

st, 1 s c taking up only back of next st, repeat. If the last stitch in the row is worked through front loop ch 1, turn, and in 3rd row work first stitch through back loop only. Next through front loop, thus alternating in every row.

This result in an uneven surface will give no suggestion of being single crochet, and is as attractive as it is simple. All that is necessary is to be careful to start correctly, then the stitches of each row will alternate as they should.

Bye-Bye Baby Blanket

This beautiful warm and cozy blanket or carriage robe may be made to complete and match the Knitted Set.

It is made of four strips of colored wool, either of baby blue or light pink and three of cream white embroidered to match the set.

Threefold Saxony, or if a carriage robe is planned, four German-towns are the best weight wools to use. The quantity needed depends upon the size of the blanket or robe required.

The apple-seed stitch is used throughout and fully described above. Each strip should measure about nine inches. For this width the number of stitches in the first chain will vary according to the wool and size of crochet hook used. Make four strips of color the length desired, then begin and end each of the three cream white strips with a square of color, thus making a border top and bottom of the blanket.

Baby's Slip-On Sweater

Those who prefer a sweater to a jacket may make a cozy little slip-on of white or any dainty

color of twofold Saxony on a No. 8 or 8 knitting needle. This little model is light in weight and lacy in appearance.

Cast on 50 stitches and knit 1, purl 1 across. Knit back. This forms the pattern, repeat

1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 2 blks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn. 24th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 3 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 10 sps, 1 blk, 10 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 2 blks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn. 25th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 3 sps, 1 blk, 3 sps, 1



KNITTED INFANT'S JACKET.

these two rows for the entire garment. Knit six-inch piece in this way, then cast on 30 sts on each side for the sleeves. Knit three inches on these 110 sts, turn. Knit 45 sts, bind off 20 sts for the neck and across the remaining 45 sts. Knit over 45 sts back to the neck, cast on 10 sts for the front and knit three inches.

Bind off 30 sts easily for the sleeve. Slip remaining stitches on a third needle. Finish opposite side in the same way to this point. Work on remaining stitches for the front for six inches. Bind off.

For the Cuffs

Pick up 24 sts and knit 2, purl 2, for two inches. Bind off. Sew up sleeves and sides of sweater.

The Collar

Finish the neck with a small collar of plain knitting in contrast to body. For this pick up 40 sts at the edge of neck and knit plain, adding an extra stitch at end of every fourth row at each side until the collar is as wide as desired. Work about 18 sps in all. Bind off.

The collar may be of a different color from the sweater or a band of color may be worked in three ribs for the edge.

Filet Square for Bedspread

Ch 124 sts.

1st row.—39 sps, ch 5, turn.

2nd row.—1 sp, 37 blks, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

3rd and 4th rows.—1 sp, 1 blk, 35 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

5th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 13 sps, 1 blk, 7 sps, 1 blk, 13 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

6th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 13 sps, 2 blks, 5 sps, 2 blks, 13 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

7th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 8 sps, 3 blks, 2 sps, 3 blks, 3 sps, 2 blks, 8 sps, 3 blks, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

8th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 9 sps, 3 blks, 2 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 2 sps, 3 blks, 9 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

9th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 10 sps, 3 blks, 5 sps, 1 blk, 5 sps, 2 blks, 10 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

10th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 4 sps, 1 blk, 6 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 9 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 6 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

11th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 4 sps, 2 blks, 6 sps, 11 blks, 6 sps, 2 blks, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

12th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 4 sps, 3 blks, 3 sps, 2 blks, 4 sps, 3 blks, 4 sps, 2 blks, 3 sps, 3 blks, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

13th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 5 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 3 blks, 5 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

14th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 8 sps, 1 blk, 3 sps, 3 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, 3 blks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 8 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

15th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 8 sps, 1 blk, 8 sps, 1 blk, 8 sps, 1 blk, 8 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

16th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 7 sps, 1 blk, 8 sps, 3 blks, 8 sps, 1 blk, 7 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

17th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 5 sps, 5 blks, 4 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 2 blks, 4 sps, 5 blks, 5 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

18th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 4 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 2 blks, 3 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 2 blks, 4 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

19th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 3 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 3 blks, 5 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

20th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 3 sps, 1 blk, 3 sps, 1 blk, 3 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, 3 blks, 4 sps, 1 blk, 3 sps, 1 blk, 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

21st row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 6 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 2 blks, 4 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 2 blks, 4 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

22nd row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 4 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

23rd row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 3 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, 3 blks, 5 sps, 1 blk, 5 sps, 3 blks, 2

blks, 5 sps, 3 blks, 5 sps, 4 sps, 3 sps, 1 blk, 8 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

26th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 6 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 5 sps, 1 blk, 5 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 6 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

27th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 4 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 17 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 3 blks, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

28th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 4 sps, 2 blks, 3 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 9 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 2 blks, 3 sps, 2 blks, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

29th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 9 sps, 4 blks, 9 sps, 4 blks, 9 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

30th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 9 sps, 3 blks, 11 sps, 3 blks, 9 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

31st row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 8 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 9 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 8 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

32nd row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 13 sps, 1 blk, 7 sps, 1 blk, 13 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

33rd row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 14 sps, 1 blk, 5 sps, 1 blk, 14 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

34th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, 35 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

35th row.—Same as 34th row.

36th row.—1 sp, 37 blks, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

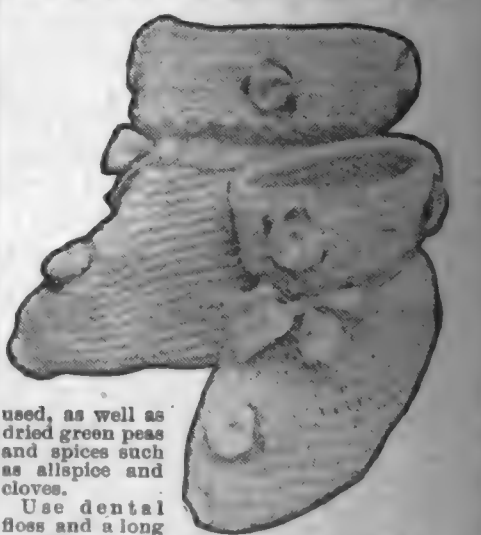
37th row.—39 sps.

For the Edge.—Work 2 d c into every space, 1 d c on the stitch between the sps, 6 d c into each corner space.

Some Unusual Beads

Now that necklaces are worn on all occasions and are really considered an almost indispensable accessory it is interesting to know that very effective strings can be made of some of the simplest materials.

At the grocers one will find many beans of various hues, dotted, spotted and streaked with brilliant colors, also small shiny black ones and round, fat white ones. These can all be



MOCASSIN BOOTIES.

used, as well as dried green peas and spices such as allspice and cloves.

Use dental floss and a long sharp needle in making up.

The dark beans may be combined with the light ones or either sort may be strung with glass beads of contrasting colors.

The only difficulty one will encounter is in piercing them. Small holes can very easily be made with the proper needle.

After the holes are made string the beans and give them a coat of varnish. When dry they will be ready to string on the floss into necklaces. Peas colored with oil paints and then varnished may be substituted for the beans or allspice may be substituted for the peas.

Allspice and cloves combined with glass beads of different sizes are also very pretty.

To make a necklace of these one will need a fairly good-sized bead and some small ones.

First string a large bead, then a clove, running

Yokes in Plain Crochet

the needle in at the small end and out at the head. Next a small bead of bright color, one allspice pod, one small bead, one clove, threading this one from the large end to the small, then one large bead and repeat the spices.

This makes up very prettily and will keep indefinitely if a coat of varnish is applied first and directed and allowed to thoroughly dry.

Ordinary pea or lima beans which are thoroughly dry will take the most vivid colors, and so may be used entirely if no other kinds can easily be procured.

These brilliantly colored beans are also most effective for trimming baskets or bags.

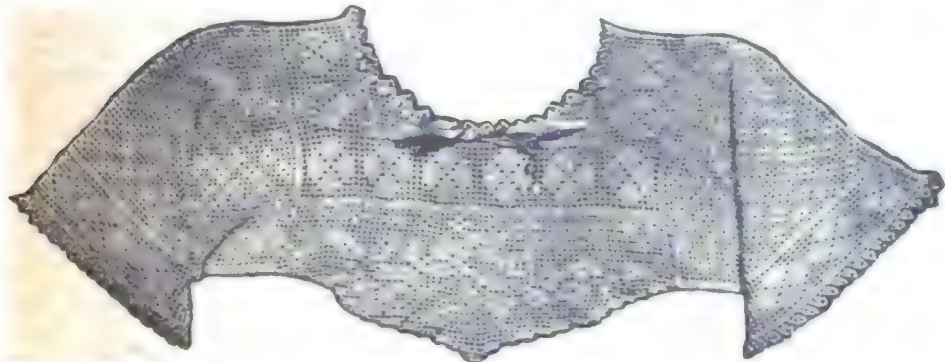
Rose Beads

These beads are most delicate and may be made at home at one-tenth the cost of a string of real rose beads.

To be sure they will lack the fragrance of the rose beads, but they will make up in quantity and inexpensiveness.

The following amount will make about four long chains.

Mix two tablespoons of corn-starch with just



NIGHTGOWN YOKE WITH SLEEVES.

enough water to make a thin paste adding a bit of coloring to give just the rose, lilac, yellow or green which you prefer.

This coloring matter may be a bit of dye or water color, a few drops of bluing, red or purple ink. In one way or another one may secure almost any shade desired.

To this add one-half cup of fine table salt, which has been heated very hot over the fire.

The combination makes a soft paste which should be vigorously kneaded until the coloring matter and salt are evenly distributed and the whole a firm, smooth dough. Now mould into small balls, sticking a coarse pin through each while soft and then standing on a cushion to dry. These beads may be either round or oblong, graduated in sizes and smooth or marked with pin points, up and down or round and round. The surface can also be embossed by rolling over anything which will trace a pattern on it.

After hardening about a day the beads will be ready to be strung on the dental floss, which will wear better than any coarse thread.

String lavender beads with tiny gold beads, rose with silver and yellow or green with white.

As gifts these chains, made to harmonize with the clothes of your friends will be sure of a welcome.

Nightgown Yoke with Sleeves

In following these directions No. 70 or 80 cotton will have to be used for a size 36 yoke, coarser cotton will result in a larger size.

First work the square which outlines the neck.

Begin with ch 45 sts, turn.

1st row—1 d c in 4th st from hook, 39 more doubles, ch 5, turn.

2nd row—1 d c on 4th d c, ch 2, sk 2, 1 d c, repeat, making 11 sps, 4 d c, ch 3, turn.

3rd row—3 d c, 4 sps, 3 bks (10 d c), 5 sps, ch 5, turn.

4th row—4 sps, 5 bks, 3 sps, 1 blk, ch 3, turn.

5th row—2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 3 bks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 3 sps, ch 5, turn.

6th row—2 sps, 3 bks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 3 bks, 1 sp, 1 blk, ch 3, turn.

7th row—1 blk, 1 sp, 4 bks, 1 sp, 4 bks, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

8th row—Same as 6th row.

9th row—Same as 5th row.

10th row—Same as 4th row.

11th row—Same as 3rd row.

12th row—Same as 2nd row.

13th row—1 blk, 11 sps, 1 blk, ch 2, turn.

Now repeat the figure 4 times, making 1 blk on each edge. Then make 1 row of 12 sps and 1 blk on lower edge only, make 1 figure same as first figure with 4 d c on 1 blk along one edge only.

For each shoulder, work on the ends 13 rows, making 1 blk, 4 sps, 3 bks, 4 sps, 1 blk, repeat pattern from 4th row. Make four figures on each side. Break thread.

For back make a strip to match front and join to shoulders with thread and needle.

Next work the front which is shown below square yoke design. This is begun by working 1 d c into the 1st ch, ch 2, 1 d c into top of 1st d c, ch 2, repeat, making 1 d c in the end of each row, or 68 sps in all, ch 5, turn.

2nd row of front—1 blk over 2nd sp, 5 sps, 1 blk, 5 sps, 1 blk, 5 sps, 1 blk, 5 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, 1 blk, repeat sps and bks, ending with 1 sp after last blk, ch 3, turn.

3rd row—1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 3 sps, repeat until center is reached where there will be only 2 sps before the next blk, sp, blk, then finish as row is begun, ch 5, turn. This row if correct will have 12 groups of bks and sps with 3 sps between each excepting the center two groups which have only 2 sps.

4th row—Same as center row.

5th row—4 sps, 1 blk, 24 sps, 4 bks, 1 sp, 2 bks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 23 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, ch 5, turn.

6th row—3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 21 sps, 2 bks, 3 sps, 6 bks, 24 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 3 sps, ch 5, turn.

7th row—4 sps, 1 blk, 25 sps, 2 bks, 2 sps, 2 bks, 2 sps, 3 bks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 18 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, ch 5, turn.

8th row—1 sp, 1 blk, 21 sps, 2 bks, 1 sp, 4 bks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 3 bks, 29 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 3, turn.

9th row—1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 23 sps, 3 bks, 3 sps, 5 bks, 1 sp, 4 bks, 1 sp, 3 bks, 19 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, ch 5, turn.

10th row—1 sp, 1 blk, 20 sps, 3 bks, 1 sp, 3 bks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 4 bks, 1 sp, 5 bks, 8 sps, 2 sps, 13 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

11th row—4 sps, 1 blk, 10 sps, 4 bks, 6 sps,

1 blk, 2 sps, 2 bks, 7 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 2 bks, 17 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, ch 5, turn.

12th row—3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 17 sps, 2 bks, 1 sp, 3 bks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 6 sps, 2 bks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 2 bks, 3 sps, 2 bks, 1 sp, 2 bks, 6 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 3 sps, ch 5, turn.

13th row—4 sps, 1 blk, 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 3 sps, 4 bks, 2 sps, 4 bks, 2 sps, 3 bks, 6 sps, 2 bks, 1 sp, 6 bks, 1 sp, 2 bks, 1 sp, 2 bks, 3 sps, 3 bks, 7 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 3, turn.

14th row—2 bks, 9 sps, 2 bks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, 3 bks, 1 sp, 3 bks, 1 sp, 4 bks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, 1 sp, 4 bks, 4 sps, 2 bks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 7 sps, 2 bks, turn, sl st over last 2 bks, ch 3.

15th row—2 bks, 9 sps, 3 bks, 2 sps, 2 bks, 1 sp, 4 bks, 3 sps, 6 bks, 4 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, 8 bks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, 2 bks, 6 sps, 2 bks, turn, sl st over 2 bks, ch 3.

16th row—2 bks, 4 sps, 4 bks, 1 sp, 2 bks, 5 sps, 3 bks, 1 blk, 5 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 3 bks, 1 sp, 3 bks, 2 sps, 2 bks, 1 sp, 4 bks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 6 sps, 2 bks, ch 3, turn, sl st, ch 3.

17th row—2 bks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2

ures follow with one row all spaces, then one row doubles.

One should have 88 spaces to have border on sleeves work on correctly. If necessary the work can be increased or decreased in the last two rows given, then follow doubles with one row of 88 sps, ch 5, turn.

Border

4 sps, 3 bks, 8 sps, 3 bks, * 8 sps, 3 bks, repeat from *, ending with 4 sps.

2nd row—3 sps, 5 bks, * 6 sps, 5 bks, repeat from * ending with 3 sps, ch 5, turn.

3rd row—2 sps, * 1 blk, 1 sp, 3 bks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 4 sps, repeat from *, ending with 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

4th row—1 sp, * 3 bks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 1 sp, 3 bks, 2 sps, repeat from *, ending with 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

5th row—1 sp, * 4 bks, 1 sp, 4 bks, 2 sps, repeat from *, ending with 1 sp, ch 5, turn.

6th row—Same as 4th row.

7th row—Same as 3rd row.

8th row—Same as 2nd row.

9th row—Same as 1st row.

10th row—All spaces.

11 row—Doubles.

12th row—All spaces.

Edging

* Ch 5, 1 s c on d c between 1st and 2nd sps, ch 5, 1 s c on next d c, repeat around.

2nd row—9 s c under 1st ch 5, 5 s c under 2nd ch 5, ch 5, turn, 1 sl st in 5th s c on 1st ch, turn, 5 s c under ch just made, ch 3 for picot, 5 s c, under same ch, 4 s c under 2nd ch in 1st row. This completes one point. Work the other sleeve to match.

The neck may be finished with a beading and the same pointed edging if one likes a square neck, or the corners may be filled in as follows to form a round neck: Begin on neck side of shoulder opposite second figure and working towards the corner make 11 sps. Now on the front work 1 d c, ch 2, 1 d c, this makes 2 sps along front edge of neck, turn. Make 10 sps over sps along shoulder edge, turn, sl st over last sp, ch 9 sps, 1 d c in front edge, ch 2, 1 d c in front edge, turn, 8 sps.

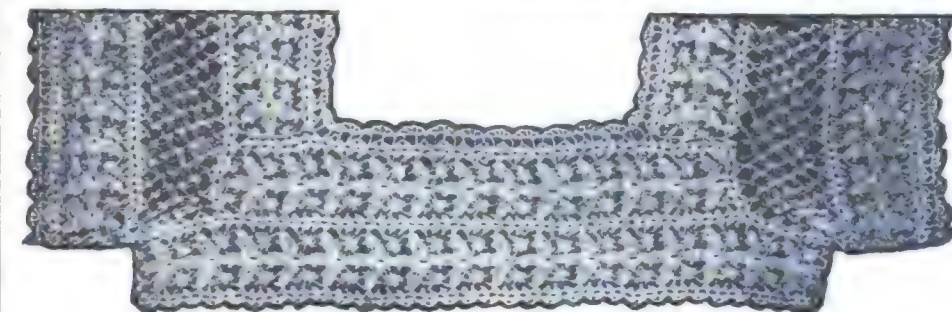
Continue in this way shortening each row and working along the front until one finishes with 1 sp only. Break thread.

After all four corners have been filled in, in this manner, add a beading of trebles with ch 2 between for running ribbon, and pointed edging to match sleeves.

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26th row—3 bks, 3 sps, 1 blk, 16 sps, 3 bks, sl st, ch 3.

27th row—3 bks, 14 sps, 3 bks, sl st, ch 3.

28th row—3 bks, 3 sps, 3 bks, sl st over 7 d c, ch 3.

29th row—4 bks, sl st over 4 d c, ch 3, 2 bks on 7 d c. This completes the point which forms the lower part of the front of the yoke. A straight strip is next worked across the back.

Start as in the front making 67 sps in the first row below the square neck design.

2nd row—1 blk, 5 sps, repeat 10 times, finishing with 1 blk, ch 3, turn.

3rd row—1 blk over 1st sp in 2nd row, * 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, repeat from * 9 times, then 3 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 3, turn.

4th row—Same as 2nd row. This gives one ten complete figures and two unfinished ones at either end.

5th row—3 sps, 1 blk, * 5 sps, 1 blk, repeat from * 9 times, 3 sps, ch 5, turn.

6th row—2 sps, * 1 blk, 1 sp, 1 blk, 3 sps, repeat across, ending with 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

7th row—Same as 5th row.

Repeat pattern beginning with 2nd row.

This gives one four figures in width. Next row 67 sps, ch 3, turn, 1 d c on each d c, with 2 d c on each sp. This completes back.

Sleeves

These are of the all-over design just finished and may be made as long as desired.

Starting in the back, make 4 d c under the end double in the last row of doubles. Work 1 sp at end of each row or 14 sps in end of work before square yoke is reached, into the end of this work 13 sps, alongside of strip over the shoulders work 1 sp at end of each row, or 42 sps, 13 sps along the end of front square yoke, 12 sps on end of rows below this, and finish with 1 blk, ch 3, turn.

2nd row—1 blk, 6 sps, 1 blk (this last blk should be on a line with center two blocks of second figure in the front; if not, work this block so it will be), then 5 sps, 1 blk, repeat, ending with 1 blk.

3rd row—1 blk, necessary sps so as to bring two blocks in each figure in correct place, the same as in strip worked across back.

The sleeves, as shown, are ten figures deep, then blocks on each edge are omitted and spaces made instead, as the sleeve is joined together from this point on. Make five more fig-

demands for yokes, as there is no end to the fashioning of corset covers, camisoles, nightgowns, chemises and combinations.

The way in which this yoke is made is a favorite method of forming any pretty insertion pattern in a yoke, using either one or two strips for the front and back and with or without sleeves.

Begin with a ch 6, join in ring.

1st row—Shell on 3 tr c (ch 3 for 1st), ch 3, and 3 tr c in ring, 4 knot sts, each one-fourth inch in length, repeat from beginning of row, ch 6, sh in ring, turn.

2nd row—Ch 4, sh in sh, * 1 knot st, fasten in 1st knot, 1 knot st, fasten (with a d c) in next knot, ch 5, fasten in same place, 1 knot st, fasten in next knot, 1 knot st, sh in sh, repeat from *, turn.

3rd row—Ch 4, sh in sh, * 1 knot st, fasten in 1st knot, 1 knot st, 15 tr c in loop of ch 5, 1 knot st, fasten in next knot, 1 knot st, sh in sh, repeat from *, turn.

4th row—Ch 4, sh in sh, * 1 knot st, fasten in knot, 1 knot st (5 tr c in 5 tr c, 2 knot sts), repeat twice, 5 tr c in remaining 5 tr c, 1 knot st, fasten in knot, 1 knot st, sh in sh, repeat from *, turn.

5th row—Ch 4, sh in sh, * (in 5 tr c make 2 triple trebles, 2 double trebles and one treble, keeping the top loop of each on needle, work off the 6 sts, 2 at a time until 1 st remains, close with a tight ch st, 1 knot st, fasten in knot between 2 sts of previous row, 1 knot st), repeat twice, 2 triple trebles, 2 double trebles and 1 tr c in next 5 trebles, work off as before, sh in sh, repeat from *, turn.

6th row—Ch 4, sh in sh,



In this moss rose design, which may or may not be original, the blossoms, which are of red, are of one piece, cut as shown to produce a petal-like effect. The buds have red centers and the leaves and stems in their arrangement help to complete a graceful design. Submitted by Mrs. Vernon R. Brandburg, Pa.

* 1 knot st, fasten in center knot, 1 knot st, fasten in tip of 2nd leaf, ch 5, fasten in same place, 1 knot st, fasten in knot, 1 knot st, sh in sh, repeat from *, turn.

Repeat from 3rd row until you have made patterns enough for the back strip, according to the size of the yoke.

The model shown is for size 34 and has 12 patterns across upper band in the back and 12 or 13 across the front, for the lower band which can be made in one piece 32 or 33 patterns will be needed.

Shoulder Strap

Fasten thread in shell of lower row just beyond end of the upper row.

Make 1 sh, ch 3, turn, sh on sh, joining into end of upper row.

Repeat making 6 shs along the end, joining the last one to the end sh of upper row, turn. 1 sh, 1 knot st, join between 1st and 2nd shells on edge of upper row. 1 knot st, 15 tr c under the ch between 3rd and 4th sh, 1 knot st, join between 5th and 6th sh, 1 knot st, 1 sh between 7th and 8th sh, turn. Work seven or more patterns for strap. Join to opposite side and then shell down the end of upper row in the same manner as work was begun.

Move the other strap in the same manner. If sleeves are not desired finish neck and armholes with beading as shell.

Sleeves

Begin by fastening thread to sh beyond work on lower row. Make 1 row of knot sts working into each sh, and joining to sh on edge of lower rows on each side. Repeat knot sts, working back and forth until space is about the width of the shoulder straps.

Finish with a band of 12 or more patterns, fastening the shells on the edge to the last row of knot sts.

For beading on sleeves and neck fasten into work ch 5, 1 d c, ch 2, sk 1 sh, 1 d c, repeat.

For Scallop

1 s c on d c, 3 d c, ch 3, 3 d c on next d c, 1 s c on next, repeat around.

This pattern also makes a very pretty all lace camisole by using a sufficient number of rows.

Narrow Edging

Begin with ch 12 sts, 1 d c in 8th st from hook, 3 more d c in next 3 sts, ch 5, turn, 4 d c on ch 8, ch 5, turn, 4 d c in sp. Make this insertion the desired length, then turn, ch 4, 1 d c in sp, ch 4, 1 d c in same sp, 6 d c in every other sp.

Our Patchwork Contest

The interest shown in our patchwork contest was far beyond our expectations. The four designs published this month are selected from among a number of fine pieces, both in design and workmanship which we consider worthy of a special prize. Next month these entire two pages will be devoted to new designs in applique and old designs which have pleased quilt makers for many years. For other designs see page 25.



This is an example of a geometrical design in an applique quilt pattern. The parts and colors are arranged in such a way as to secure a well-balanced whole, both as to form and color. The background of white has a center of eight red diamonds surrounded by a green circle overlaid with four red circles at opposite points. The spaces between these have two green and a center diamond of red. Submitted by Gertrude Fryette, Ohio.



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Scouting as an Eye-Opener

By M. R. Piper

TIME was—and not so long ago, either—when small boys were regarded by us grownups as more or less a nuisance and a liability, to be tolerated because individually we were fond of them in spite of their being such a care, and we hoped some day, by the grace of God, they might outgrow the trying period of adolescence and turn out men worthy of our well-meant efforts at upbringing.

We were prepared for the worst—knew they would forever be up to some mischief or other, go off flax-bang like a Fourth of July firecracker when least expected to do so. In our milder moments we murmured, "Oh, well, boys will be boys," and in harsher moods there was always the wish for recourse. We hoped they would understand some day.

Today we are just beginning humbly to perceive that it is we, not our sons, who did not understand, and for some of us it was Scouting that was the eye-opener. Scouting that showed us that the small boy isn't a liability at all, that if given half a chance he is an incalculable asset.

In the first place, Scouting revealed what some of us might have forgotten—that a boy is an incessant dynamo of energy. He must be doing something every waking moment or "burst". He abhors inactivity, as Nature is supposed to abhor a vacuum. It is this fearful and wonderful energy which is responsible for nine-tenths of the mischief he gets into. It took a movement like Scouting to drive it into our father-in-law's minds that this same energy, conserved, directed, constructively applied, could work wonders not only for our own peace of mind and the boy's delight and well-being but also in the upbuilding of a new power—"physically strong, mentally awake, morally straight"—developing naturally out of a boy power of the same high caliber.

Given this energy, every small boy would, if he saw his way to it, prefer to use it constructively rather than aimlessly or destructively. He is infinitely happier building bird-houses and

the escorting of a blind man for his daily walk, the shoveling of snow for some manless household, the binding up of an injured dog's foot. It may be, and in hundreds of cases it has been, a big service, the rescue of a person from drowning, the putting out of an otherwise disastrous fire, the flagging of a train in season to avert disaster. But big or little, the principle is the same, an act of unselfish good will and helpfulness rendered with no thought of gain or praise simply because a Scout, according to his own law, is enjoined to the will and power to serve.

Perhaps it took the war to show us what an asset for community service Boy Scouts organized and ready, like a much-advertised beverage, for "instant use," might be. Selling Liberty bonds, operating war gardens, collecting peach pits and locating black walnut timber for government use, serving as aides and messengers at hospitals, collecting books and magazines for training camps, working with the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and scores of other organizations and institutions devoted to patriotic or humanitarian purposes, Scouts proved over and over that boys, organized for service, loyal, efficient, trained, could and would "carry on" whenever the call came.

The war ended but Boy Scout community service went on. In hundreds of towns and cities they are regularly enrolled fire aides to the fire departments, conduct annual clean-ups and safety-first campaigns, light forest fires and tree blights, help exterminate flies and mosquitoes, co-operate with fish and game commissions in the preservation of wild life, plant shade trees, co-operate with city health departments and city planning commissions in making communities safe and beautiful to live in, patrol dangerous crossings near school buildings, remove disfiguring signs, raise and lower community flags—do, in short, a multitude of things that ten years ago we would not have dreamed boys could do or would be asked to do. Here again Scouting leads the way, shows us that boy energy constructively applied offers almost unlimited possibilities for community betterment.

Scouting has as an avowed objective the training of citizens and it applies to the project the same sound pedagogic principle—that of Learning by Doing—that it utilizes in the rest of its program. Boy Scouts learn citizenship by practicing it here and now. Working for their respective communities and for the nation, they come to feel a sense of civic loyalty and responsibility they would otherwise never know.

A small boy standing at salute very straight and very solemn, in the presence of the scoutmaster and a troop of scouts, all equally grave, and ceremonious! Do you see him? Listen to what he is saying. They are great words and they are going to mean a great deal in his young life, God willing.

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And they do keep faith, too, marvelously, beyond our expectations. Perhaps the thing works out so remarkably because it is a self-imposed discipline, something he takes upon himself, because he wants to assume it, not because some alien-minded adult has thrust it upon him.

Let no one think Scouting is for any one type or class of boy. It is for all boys everywhere, rich or poor, privileged or underprivileged, the city boy, the town boy, the boy in the small village, even the boy in the remote rural district who may affiliate with the movement as a Pioneer Scout, practicing Scouting "by his lones" until he can connect with a patrol.

Thanks to Scouting, we are beginning to get a glimpse into the basic realities of boyhood, learning that boys will indeed be boys to the end of the chapter but that it rests with us in no small degree to determine whether they will be boys plus or boys minus, assets or liabilities.

Pointed Paragraphs

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Still, a man never seems anxious to marry a woman who isn't afraid of a mouse.

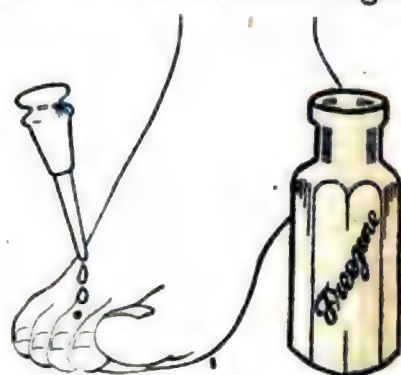
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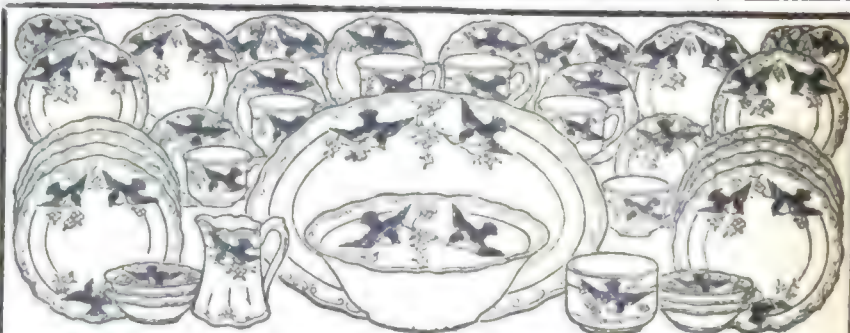
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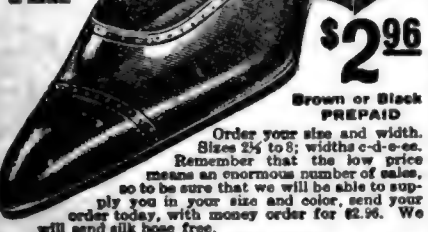
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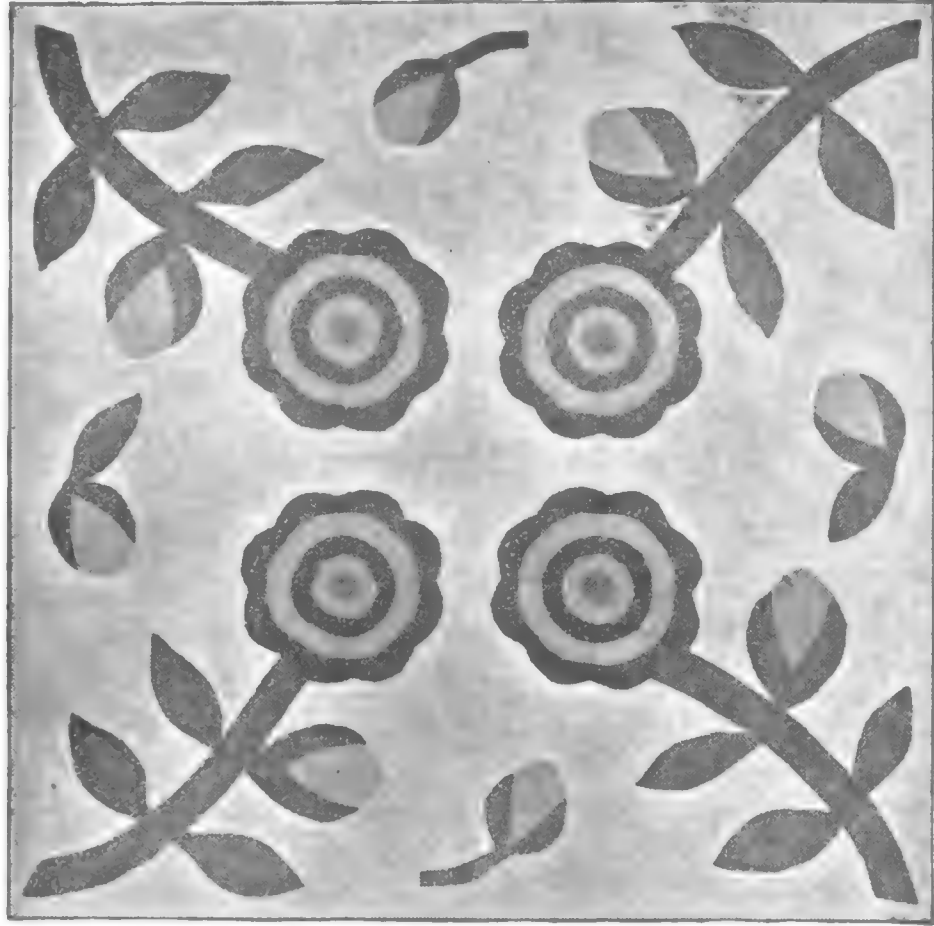
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The Patchwork Prize Contest



This quilt square which was submitted by Mrs. Nettie Vining, Ga., is a most striking and handsome design. It is also a pattern which makes a continuous or all-over design, due to the manner in which the rose sprays start from the corners. The completed squares measure 18 x 18 inches. Background, as usual, should be of bleached or unbleached cotton, roses have a scalloped edge of red, this is overlaid with pink, then red and pink again, with a yellow center. Stems and leaves of green, buds of pink.

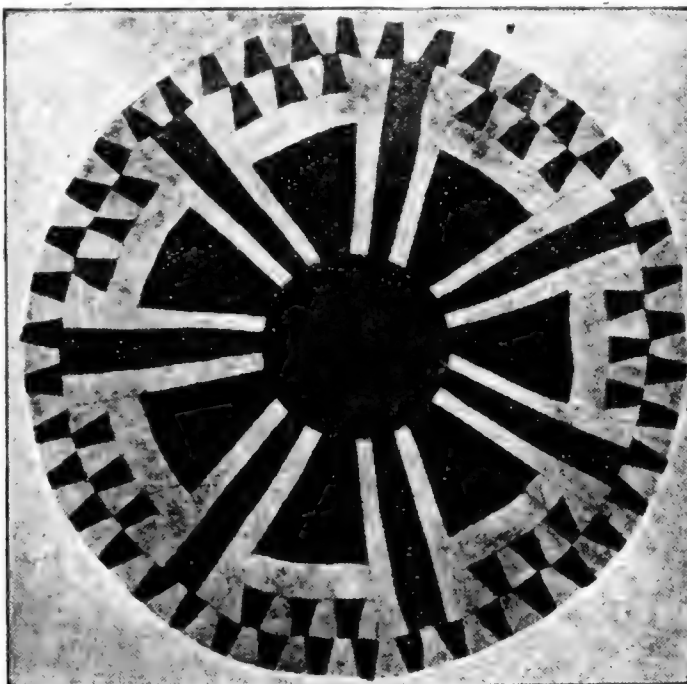
Another List of Winners

The response to our recent offer was certainly great, both in quality and quantity, and was far beyond our expectations. The popularity of quilting seems to be as great if not greater than ever before. This is not confined to the country and smaller places but also exists in the cities, where women may be found in classes in the large department stores undertaking the creation of a modern applique quilt.

A beautiful basket design for a bedroom set will be shown in our next issue, as well as the lunch set designed by Mrs. Vernon, our First Prize Winner.

In quality much of the work received was elaborate and would compare favorably with the finest pieces of hand-work. In quantity we were favored with several thousand designs, each of which had to be tagged and numbered. It was then several days' work to select the best and eliminate all duplicates; then these in turn had to be carefully considered and the prizes awarded. As letters had to be written in some cases and other delays considered it was impossible to publish our complete list last month, so we are happy to announce the following additional winners:

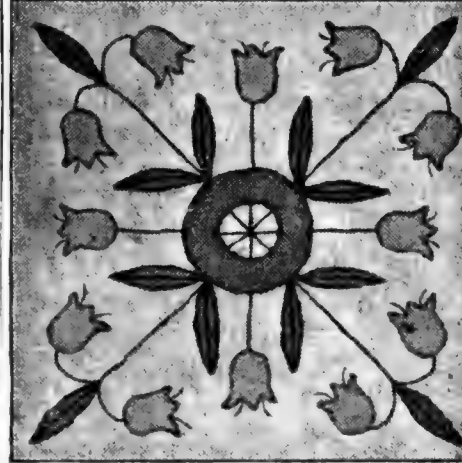
Ind. Clara G. Fisher, Pa. Mrs. S. J. Spradlin, Tex. Bessie Stapleton, Tenn. Mrs. Wm. Stickles, Wisc. Mrs. Hulda E. Phillips, Ill. Mrs. Blanche L. Owensby, Okla. Mrs. M. E. Collins, Oregon.



Merry-Go-Round.—This large quilt block is about 16 inches square. The design is pieced of red, white, blue and yellow, but it is a good pattern for using up effectively odd bits of material, if strongly contrasted. As shown, the center circle is of yellow surrounded by six spoke-like pieces of blue, between these is red set in with narrow strips of white. The edge is finished with two rows of blue and white, cut in tapering shapes, and pieced together as shown. Submitted by Miss Callie Brown, Miss.

Miss Edna R. Warbach, Tex. Mrs. Henry Bursaw, Wisc. Mrs. W. J. Williams, Ala. Mrs. Alice Phillips, Tex. Bessie Liggett, Ind. Mrs. C. E. Heritage, Ohio. Mrs. S. A. Huskey, Tenn. Cora Okerson, Ill. Miss Maudie Sargent, Ala. Ida L. Southard, Mo. Agnes Shuler, Tex. Mrs. Jennie Williams, Ala. Mrs. J. J. Phillips, Colo. Mrs. Mabel Miller, N. Y. Mrs. M. E. Richardson, Ala.

It has occurred to us that many women would be glad to secure a book of the best of the beautiful designs which we have selected from those submitted. We have decided to publish such a book, giving illustrations, descriptions and suggestions as to colors for each design. It will not be sold, but given free as a premium. We will announce its issue as soon as published.



This beautiful design shows small bell-like blossoms of pink with green leaves, and band in the center. Stems and veins of leaves are outlined with black and all edges are finely buttonholed with black. Bleached or unbleached cloth can be used for background. Size 18 x 18 inches. Submitted by Mrs. Geo. W. Wright, Mo.

Special and Other Prize Winners

Mrs. Anna Walters, Iowa. Mrs. G. W. Searl, La. Hortense Green, Colo. Mrs. T. C. McInnis, Tex. Dollie Hicks, Neb. Mrs. Ida Keller, Ohio. Mrs. Lottie Fields, Va. Mrs. T. C. Roetker, Ill. Mrs. Mary T. Work, Ill. Mrs. Della Byfield, Kans. Kathryn Hamer, Ohio. Mrs. F. A. Richards, Va. Mrs. Ellen Scott, Ill. Mrs. Kallenberger, Calif. Mrs. H. W. Peterman, S. C. Mrs. Herman Grassel, Ill. Mrs. W. B. Walton, Tex. Mrs. E. P. Wheeler, Colo. Mrs. F. L. Kadlick, Kans. Mrs. Arthur Smith, Kans. Miss Eva M. Bell, Ky. Leona Hunter, N. Y. Marie Stromberger, Ill. Alice M. Coggins, N. C. Mrs. J. A. Underwood, Mo. Mrs. S. J. McElhannon, Ga. Mrs. Anna B. Weeder, Mich. Mrs. B. M. Dickey, Pa. Mrs. M. G. Henderson, Okla. Mrs. F. M. Littleton, N. Mex. Mrs. M. M. Waddell, Va. Mrs. Chas. Crossley, Pa. Mrs. Winnie Toothman,

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February Odds and Ends

FOR most of our readers February is sort of "betwixt and between." We do our chores night and morning, remark that "the back of winter is broken," wonder if the groundhog will see his shadow, sit back to rest a spell with the cord-wood cut and split. Perhaps our thoughts run to plans for the coming summer; roads none too good and the weather unsettled; even though February has only twenty-eight days, the time is likely to pass slowly. At no other time of the year does the farmer have so much time to "kill," and at no other season does he have more time for reading. The good wife adds the remark that "February is the worst month in the whole year for having the men folks everlastingly around the house where they get under foot and are a nuisance with their questions and advice!"

Cleaning Work Harness

Yes, February is a dull month, but it can be made to pass both quickly and profitably. For instance, there is sure to be repairing needed on the heavy harnesses. Why not get them down off the cobwebby pegs and give them a thorough overhauling and cleaning. Take one harness at a time, take it apart, and remove buckles and loops wherever possible. Unless you have a harness room with a work table (there are far too few of these on our farms), perhaps the machine shed or granary will give the most room. With a dampened sponge wipe off the dust and mud; do not have the sponge too wet or the leather will absorb water. Then rinse out your sponge, squeeze it almost dry, rub it on castile soap or saddle soap, and work it in the hand, squeezing it until the sponge is full of fine thick creamy lather. Take one strap at a time and rub until all traces of sweat stains and dirt are removed. Do this to each piece of harness in turn, leaving a little lather on. Then rinse out your sponge, make fresh lather as before, and work it well into the leather. Do this carefully and thoroughly, and put the parts in a moderately warm place to dry. While these parts are drying, clean and polish buckles, bits and other metal parts. By this time the leather parts will be partly dry. Rub them off with a dry cloth, and assemble. The saddle soap remaining in the leather will keep it soft and pliable for a long time. Some farmers do nothing further with it. Others oil their harness, and for this purpose nothing is better than a little neat's-foot oil. To oil harness, take a cloth moistened in oil and apply to the flesh side of the leather in long, light strokes. Do not soak the leather; two ounces will usually be all that you need to oil a whole harness. Hang newly oiled harness in a warm, dry place for a day then rub off with a dry cloth. Occasional oiling throughout the season will be time well spent, and will counteract in a measure the ill effects of the sweat, dirt and barn fumes of ammonia which are unavoidable when harness is hung beside or behind each team in the barn.

In the Sugar Rush

In many regions the sugar bush, with its slush underfoot, its roaring fires, its sweet-smelling kettles and its raw spring winds, is just a memo-

ry—something we hear Gran'pa tell us about as we sit around the fireplace in the evening. We regret that it is so; no memory of pioneer days bears a richer tang of romance. But many are fortunate enough to have a grove of hard maples and no doubt there are a number of our readers who could spend an evening telling us about tapping trees and "sugaring off."

The sap season extends from late February through March, depending on the locality and the season. Trees are tapped with a 3/8-inch bit and spouts made of hollow elder sticks, or metal ones from the store, are driven in one to each tree. In the old days tin birch-bark buckets were used to catch the sap; now tin pails, covered to keep out rain and bits of bark, are used instead. Times change in everything, it seems. An average tree will yield for 10 to 12 gallons of sap, running from four to eight per cent. in sugar content. In small woodlots the sap is usually boiled down to syrup or sugar in the woods over open fires. This was the old-fashioned way; now we find more elaborate refining sheds with large vats and receiving tanks located in the best maple-sugar districts. Sap is slowly boiled until it weighs around 10 or 11 pounds to the gallon, when it is ready for syrup. The froth is skimmed off from time to time and, to keep it from boiling over, the piece of salt pork on a stick is still being poked into the bubbling liquid, just as it was in Gran'pa's time. When maple-sugar is desired, syrup is still poured upon the snow to test it, and when it makes a waxy mass (that the children relish now as then) it is "sugaring off" and ready to pour into cakes.

Odds and Ends

In many sections the hotbed is started before the end of February, but we have already given detailed instructions in the making of hotbeds and cold-frames. Besides, it is a bit late now to begin, as part of the work, such as digging pits and making compost heaps, should have been done in the fall before the ground froze.

On many farms the chickens are considered as the property of the "missus," and their care and management is her chore. Still, a bit of help in dull February may not be taken amiss. Perhaps there is the incubator to clean and repair, new trays to make, a lamp to fix. These are jobs for Dad and the boys and not for Mother. It seems only fair that all who help dispose of the fresh eggs at breakfast should take a hand in their production. Then, too, there is no time like early spring for getting the new roosters. They should be bought on merit alone from a poultryman who has made a record for both production and business integrity. They should be placed in the flock early to insure that their blood will be mingled with that of your own hens to the improvement of the offspring. Many farmers who know full well that "a sire is half the herd" overlook the value of a good rooster in the barnyard flock.

It is a bit early to speak of testing seed, whether for the garden or for the field. In most localities March is early enough. But it is not too early to think of the source of seed supply. "What will I need and where will I get it?" is a good question to ask yourself as you sit smoking your pipe by the fire in the evening. Don't wait until spring plowing starts before you give serious thought to your seed corn, seed grain, clover or garden seeds. Take your catalogues, seed circulars and lists of seed producers; list your needs, then write a few letters for latest quoted prices, etc. The time will be well spent, and you will have what you need on hand when the time comes.

Perhaps you will be planting some new trees in the orchard this spring? Maybe the orchard is to be enlarged, or new berry bushes are needed for the garden? What we have said about seed goes for the orchard and berry patch also. Decide what you will need, study your catalogues, and place your order early. The old saying that "the early bird gets the worm" does not apply to the spring robin only. It applies directly to the farmer who makes his wants known in time to have his order filled before the rush season. It lessens the danger of having shipments delayed until damaged by warm weather. It enables him to finish his planting before growth starts. For best results, it is a difficult matter to do the planting too early; the frost in the ground prevents it.

Starting an Asparagus Bed

Asparagus is always welcome on the farm table. We have never yet known a farm family to complain because it had too much asparagus to eat. From Gran'pa to Gran'ma right down to the "littliest one" the fondness for this tasty, wholesome and appetizing vegetable is never fully satisfied. It seems. For that reason, and because of the frequent inquiries received from readers of COMFORT on the subject, we offer these suggestions and instructions relative to asparagus culture.

Best Varieties and Best Soil

Seedsmen offer for sale a long list of varieties of asparagus, but in the main the difference between them is very slightly defined, and may be attributed to a large extent to environment and cultural methods. Market demand and district preference in a measure determine whether the white or the green varieties will be well received in any given region. For general use over a wide territory the standard varieties most popular are: Palmetto; Mammoth, several sorts including Columbian White; and Giants, of three kinds, Argenteuil, Reading and Nonvallet. Personal taste and preference have the final word in deciding the variety that shall be grown. If seed of any standard variety is purchased from a reputable seed house we are, at any rate, getting off to a good start.

Asparagus grows best and produces most plentiful shoots when grown in fertile, well-drained soil, and thorough tilling is essential to success. A deep, rich sandy loam with an abundance of humus and underlain by a porous and friable sub-soil is the ideal asparagus soil. Soil preparation consists of the application of well-rotted manure, deep plowing and repeated disking until a loose, well-worked seed-bed results.

Starting Plants from Seed

The asparagus bed may be started either from seed or with year-old roots purchased from the seedman, but the former plan is somewhat preferable as it gives a wider selection of roots at a reduced price. In our discussion we will begin with the seed and grow into the crop.

"Buy good seed" is old advice—but it is good advice. To hasten germination it is a good plan to soak seed for a day or so in lukewarm water before planting, but be careful not to scald. Plant

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Brooders and Baby Chicks

THE coming year's success depends largely on the number of chicks which can be carried through from hatching time to the eighth week in vigorous health. It is the chick that grows in frame and vitality during these first weeks that makes the heavy layer and the plump table bird in later life. It is estimated that not seventy-five per cent. of the chickens hatched on the general farm live to be four weeks old, even when hens are being used to do the incubating and brooding, and not more than fifty per cent. when incubators and brooders are being used, and it is due solely to the want of knowledge on the part of the person who has them in charge. Given a hundred chicks from eggs laid by healthy birds, and hatched in an incubator which has been properly operated, the losses should not exceed five per cent.

It must be understood that the first two weeks are the really critical time in a chick's life. If they get stunted or upset in that time no amount of care afterwards can counteract the damage done to their constitutions. Of course, the first consideration in caring for incubator chicks is the brooder. The continuous house, heated by hot water pipes and divided into small runs with a hover in each, is the one employed in large poultry plants, and is undoubtedly the best, but such a house is expensive to erect and not practical for a small poultry keeper. Next comes the outdoor colony brooder with two compartments, in one of which is a hover heated by a lamp. The outer, or exercise compartment, is warmed only by the air from the hover compartment, and so of course is much cooler than the hover compartment, but still warm enough for baby chicks to play in in cold weather. Such brooders are complete in themselves, being thoroughly stormproof, and can be placed in any convenient sheltered place. They cost from nine to fifteen dollars.

but by that time the chicks have grown considerably and furnish a great deal more animal heat than they did at first.

After the babies are about four weeks old, it is well to take out the frame with the fringed woolen material attached, and use another frame covered with burlap, which is to keep the cotton batting in place.

Before using the brooder, give it a coat of whitewash and cover the floor with sweepings from the haymow, or finely-cut hay, to make a warm carpet for the chicks to stand on. Of course, such brooders should be well housed in a light, dry place. A good coop can be made out of a piano box or large dry goods box. A piano box can usually be got for about two dollars from any store that sells pianos, and with the addition of a couple of small windows and paint or roofing paper, make it waterproof. It makes a good house in which to keep two or three such small brooders, or the same number of portable lamp-heated hovers.

If the weather is still cold, the room or coop in which the fireless brooder is being used must be heated in some way, otherwise the chicks will be chilled when they run out to feed or take exercise which is necessary for their health. If the coop being used is an ordinary colony size, three by six, and not more than two and one-half feet high, a good lantern will heat it to about sixty degrees, which is the right temperature for little chicks to play in. Keep the floor of the coop covered to a depth of four or five inches with sweepings from the haymow, or finely-chopped hay. Be careful that the material used is always clean and dry. Never under any circumstances use anything that is in the least moldy or musty, for the spores which cause deadly diseases are bred in the mold.

If an outdoor brooder or portable hover is to be used, light the lamp and get the temperature under the hover up to 90 degrees with a moderate flame, at least a day before the chicks are to be put into it, so that you can be sure that the lamp is running evenly. A thermometer comes with all such brooders and hovers, so it is easy to regulate the heat. When chicks are put into the hover, the heat from their bodies will run up the temperature to 100—perhaps more—but don't alter the flame of the lamp. The chicks can push their heads out of the curtain which encloses the hover, and get cool air if they need it, so there is no danger of their being overheated if the lamp is properly adjusted to keep the empty hover at 90 degrees.

When the hatch is all over in the incubator, take out the trays, eggshells, and any moisture pans which may have been used, and leave the chicks in the machine for twenty-four hours before moving them to the brooder. If the incubator has side ventilators, they can be opened to their full extent; if not, the door of their machine can be so fixed that there is the tiniest space for ventilation if the heat goes above 101.



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Next in order comes what is known as the portable hover—a metal, drumlike affair, heated by a lamp and which costs about six dollars, and is very convenient because it can be used in any home-made coop.

Another make on the same order is fashioned somewhat like an umbrella, and can also be used in any room or coop.

Last of all comes the fireless brooder, several makes of which are now on the market, and range in price from two and a half to five dollars, but they can be made at home for about fifty cents each, when empty cases can be had from the grocery store, or a dollar if lumber has to be bought.

The first requisite is a box two feet square and seven inches deep, with a lid at least five inches deep. Or, if you can get two strong boxes the same size, which are six or seven inches deep, take off the lids and use one of the bottoms for a lid. Put two hinges on the back, and a hook and eye at the front. Cut a hole three inches square in the center of the front for the chicks to run in and out of. At both ends of the lid or top box, make half-inch holes three inches apart, and an inch from the top. Then make a frame to fit inside the box and rest on the cleats; cover it with burlap, and then cut a long strip of felt, dannel, old blanket or any soft woolen material. It does not matter so much what it is so long as it is warm and woolly. It should be about four inches wide. Make cuts one inch apart the entire length, leaving about half an inch as a heading. Then stitch the fringed material to the burlap, commencing in the center of the frame and going round and round, the rows to be about an inch apart. At first, put the frame on to the cleats in the lower part of the brooder, with the fringed material hanging down, to make a comfortable covering for the chicks. After the babies are about two weeks old, the frame must be put on to the frame in the top part of the box, which will lift the ends of the material about three inches from the floor of the brooder.

At first, when the screen is in the lower part of the brooder, fold a piece of cotton batting and fit carefully over it, filling in the entire space to the edge of the box. In the top half, put a layer of excelsior about an inch and a half deep, then fill in with cotton batting to the edge. The burlap on the frame being porous, and the cotton batting ditto, allows a perfect system of ventilation from the front opening to the holes in the top part of the brooder. Of course, when the frame is moved to the top part of the brooder, some of the cotton batting has to be removed,

If the brooders have been used before, they should be disinfected as advised for incubators in last month's COMFORT.

Having the chicks housed, we must consider the feed and care for the tiny creatures. Always remember, in looking after chicks, that they are infants, and as sensitive to cold, neglect or improper feeding as a human baby. You know that when a baby is clean, warm and well fed, it will be contented and happy, but let anything go wrong with it, and it squirms and cries. Well, it is just the same with chicks. Go into a brooder house in the evening, when everything is settled down for the night, and if everything is all right, they will be lying stretched out and you will hear little twittering sounds of perfect content. If the brooder is not warm enough, or the day's food has contained anything irritating, they will be standing up, huddled together, and uttering sharp little sounds, which are unmistakably cries of trouble. Cultivate the habit of noticing such signs, and be guided by them, for a happy chick is a healthy chick, and a healthy chick makes a profitable bird.

Chicks must have nothing to eat for the first thirty-six hours, for just before they break their shell the remaining part of the yolk is drawn into the chick's body, and must have time to digest and be assimilated before any other food is introduced or the digestive organs will be overtaxed and bowel trouble is likely to result.

If chicks are put into a compartment brooder, shut the small door which communicates with the outer compartment and keep them confined to the compartment where the hover is for the first two days. If the portable hover is being used, stand it in a box or make a screen of cardboard or fine-mesh wire about three inches wider all round the hover so that the chicks can come from under the curtain and play in the small space yet not be able to wander off in cold corners, as they are apt to do before they have learned to accept the hover as home.

With the fireless box hover, make some sort of a small enclosure in front of the box opening and gently shoot them back into the box every hour or so, for there is no warmth to attract them to this sort of a hover, and it is wise to do some little teaching of this sort, even with a heated hover, especially at bedtime, for there is always danger of some foolish little fellows getting sleepy and forgetting which way they ought to go.

The fireless brooder of the dimensions given will accommodate fifty chicks for two weeks, and twenty-five after that age. But remember that it

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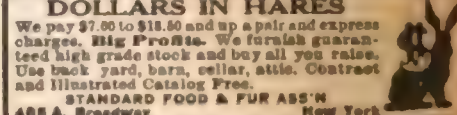


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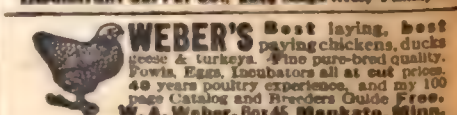
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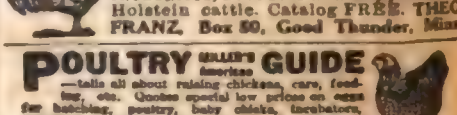
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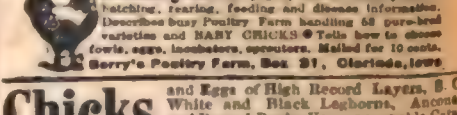
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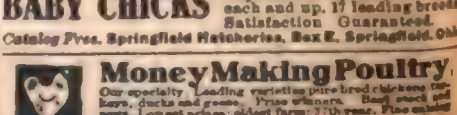
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Saffron Rose-A Slave Girl

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PART II.

"COME!" Li Lu followed reluctantly, shaking. "Keep close, offspring of filth!" A white man was approaching. Li Lu, behind Peek Noe's fat back, put out a shy hand. When she had passed, the man was reading a card.

Take this to Miss Francis Kennett, 19 Davis Street, and she will find friends for you.

Not the slightest notion had entered Li Lu's brain as to the meaning of the foreign writing, but the card had come to her from one who carried, "You can trust my kind of human being" in his eyes, and she offered it, a silent appeal, to one whose expression of face seemed to her to bear the same index of trustworthiness.

Rex Cardiff blew forth a mighty "Whizz-ee!" A slave girl, newly imported, or I'm a toothless whale!" Wheeling, he followed Peek Noe and her pathetic trailer until they stopped before a run-down three-story building in Pacific Street. Then he rushed to the nearest safe telephone, got 19 Davis Street on the wire; got Miss Kennett, the missionary, herself; told his brief story in the briefest possible time. So, he was right! There came the words:

"It's very probably Peek Noe's new slave girl. We had heard, indirectly, that she was importing one. We can't act before dawn tomorrow, but your quick action gives us time to make preparations."

That was Rex Cardiff's part in Li Lu's near-tragedy. He proved to himself that it was only fruitfulness at hand for her and not yet arrived, for he went back to Pacific Street and watched before the house she had entered. No one went in there. No one passed out. A faint light in an upper window burned for a while. Then there was darkness, unbroken. Perhaps Peek Noe had not had time to advertise her acquisition. Perhaps Li Lu had taken ill; had committed suicide. Which would be a good thing, if she had.

Over housetops in the early morning hours crept the missionary, accompanied by her Chinese woman attendant and two officers from headquarters. They came to a narrow skylight.

"It is here," announced the Chinese woman. "Are you sure of it? No mistakes this time," said one of the men, recalling many an ineffectual raid of like beginning.

"Sure," she repeated, and silently tugged at the sky-light frame. They peered into the room below. There crouched a young girl. There stood her keeper, a high-blinder giant in Peek Noe's pay.

It was a fight, a quickly-finished one. Within the quarter-hour Li Lu, between Miss Kennett and the Chinese woman, was slipping over roofs, in through the window of a Christianized Chinese brick-brac dealer's place, down his back stairs to the side door of a Jewish cobbler's shop, thence to his cellar. They emerged later from a Greek's small fruit store and made their way, unmolested, to the safety of the mission.

But now that Li Lu had found such blank disappointment in this San-Fran that she had so gladly come to, she could no longer see kindness anywhere around her; though Miss Kennett's eyes twinkled it; though all the Chinese women and girls at the mission spoke it to her, gave it to her in gentle service.

Li Lu wept bitterly, angrily, passionately. Li Lu had a three-day fit of temper, of such reckless violence as only the placid Oriental woman, once aroused, is capable of displaying. She hated her latest captors. She declared now that Peek Noe was better to her than these white pigs who had stolen her from her rightful mistress. She had learned, she said, in the few hours of companionship with Peek Noe, just what such people as these would do to her if ever she fell into their power. She understood how they stewed young Chinese girls' brains and fried their eyeballs. When the time came to go before the white judge she would tell him that she was indeed the daughter of Hung Lung; that Peek Noe was her friend, the go-between arranging a suitable marriage for her. Peek Noe had certainly paid money for her and did not Li Lu therefore belong? Must she not go back to Peek Noe? Was Li Lu a cheater? Chinese people, even Chinese slave girls, are honest. Had these white pigs paid any money for her?

In vain Miss Kennett told the child of the dangers she had so narrowly escaped. Stubborn refusal to be helped met her, hour after hour. In a moment of inspiration the missionary asked, "Your village, Li Lu? What is the name of the place you first came from?"

"Fochi in Kweichau," answered sullen Li Lu.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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Speaking of economy, everyone has their opinion of what economy really is. For example: if the mother has only a limited amount of money to invest in the family wardrobe, which is better, to buy good material that will last more than one season and can be made over to look well or to buy cheap material and wear it only a shorter time?

Will be glad to correspond with all who care to write, and enclose stamp.

YEN VERNON.

Mrs. Vernon.—As to what constitutes economy should prove interesting for a discussion and I'm sure there will be some good letters along that line.—Ed.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

Mrs. Martha McCall's letter inspired me to send a little song which I sing to my babies, and I think it helps to keep my little girl from being timid in the dark.

Lullaby

"Sleep, little baby of mine,
For night and the darkness are near,
But Jesus looks down through the shadows that frown,
And baby has nothing to fear.

"Shut little sleepy blue eyes,
Dear little head be at rest,
For Jesus like you, was a baby, once too,
And slept on his own mother's breast.

"Sleep little baby of mine,
Sleep on your pillow so white,
Jesus is here to watch over you dear,
And nothing can harm you tonight.

"Oh, little darling of mine,
What can you know of the bliss,
Of the comfort I keep, awake or asleep,
Because I am certain of this."

My little girl always says, "Jesus won't let anything hurt me in the dark." She is three and one-half years old and we have a sweet baby boy of three months. Of course we think they are both the best ever. She is still Mamma's and Daddy's baby anyway and says she's their big baby girlie while baby boy is her girlie—and Mamma's and Daddy's.

I do not believe in whipping children much, although my little girl has been several times. I find it does more harm than good. Now I put her in a room alone, the sunniest room, with all her toys. She is allowed to

"The young man who came last Sunday, Miss Kennett, said that Kweichau was his province. He may know her people," whispered one of the Chinese women.

"We must try to communicate with him. Even if he never heard of her, he may know some one whom she knows and can thus assure her that she is safe with us." Miss Kennett at once began pulling some of the tangled strings that connected her with the Chinese population of city and surrounding farm lands.

Before the Juvenile Court went Li Lu, made ready by a thousand fears to lie herself back into Peek Noe's possession. She took the stand, fluttering, downcast lids betraying the intense emotional strain she was suffering. The answer to the first question would not come.

"What is your name?" was angrily shouted at her for the third time.

"My name is Sang," she faltered.

"Your father is Hung Lung?"

"Hung Lung."

And she repeated the lesson learned from the lips of Hoey Wu, the lesson which the too smart Mr. Hecky McDoon had not given himself the opportunity of hearing.

Other Chinese witnesses were called and swore to the filial relationship between Chen O's daughter and Hung Lung. A superior looking Chinese youth entered the court room when the last of the perjurers was completing the destruction of the missionary's hopes. At Miss Kennett's beckoning he approached the rail, and in that moment Li Lu raised her eyes and looked around for the first time. Her surprised glances met the surprised glances of this boy.

"Take her home with you, Hung. She's yours according to this evidence," the judge was saying. Li Lu with no understanding of the English words yet felt the finality of them, and suddenly addressing the interpreter, but with gaze still fixed on the Chinese boy, she said:

"I lied. Tell him I am Li Lu, a slave girl at the Big House on Lily Hill at the village of Fochi in Kweichau. My father, Chen O, sold me twice and Hung Lung who bought me last from Chen O, sold me again here in San-Fran."

"How does she know she was sold?" thundered the judge. Vibrant silence following the girl's sudden change of manner, her startling words, there had been the instant before. The question came booming like a cannon shot.

"Tell him," answered the clear and convincing answer of an aroused Li Lu, "that I saw the money counted into my father's hand, Chen O's hand. First it was a few small coins and some food he got for me. I was little then and the people in the village were starving and dying. The second time in Canton Hung Lung bought me and made my father rich. Hung Lung and Hoey Wu brought me on the ship. They said to tell the white pigs I am Me Sang. Me Sang married Chang Pu in Canton. The third time it was Peek Noe who bought me with gold and paper money. Much, much. Heeps, like this!"

"She lied once. How do we know she isn't lying now?" asked Hung Lung's lawyer, snarling at the notorious name, Peek Noe, which he had been trying to keep unspoken in that place.

The Chinese boy came to the judge's desk, interrupting.

"She is telling the truth. She is Li Lu, called 'Saffron Rose'. She lived in my father's house," he said, so simply that the informality of his speech and act passed unnoticed.

"What is she to you?" asked the judge. "She would have been my wife when I finished school and went back to Fochi. My father promised it," answered the boy.

"When are you going back?"

"Next year, I hope, if it can be arranged."

"Ask the girl to give you this young man's name," directed the judge, turning to the interpreter.

"It is Hui K'ung. And here is the cap that I have mended very neatly and brought to him!" Li Lu was triumphantly drawing attention to her fine sewing, as if that proved who she was and where she came from.

"Miss Kennett, I assign her into your custody until Hui K'ung is ready to marry her," pronounced the judge.

Li Lu, somehow getting hold of his meaning, came forward at once and stood between the missionary and Hui K'ung. She had begun again to smile at the thought of the kindness of the little old gods behind the kitchens at home. She imagined that she saw her miserable and unworthy self following her lordly golden prince, Hui K'ung, up through the Street of Many Small Houses, past the beans and the good azaleas, to long-enduring happiness at the Big House.

Laughter on the dying lips of Yue Ping! You knew it all then, in that peaceful moment of your going, Yue Ping?

open the door but she knows she mustn't come out until she is "Mamma's lady baby" again. When she is ready to be good she comes out and says, "The naughty girl is gone and Mamma's lady baby come back," and she always has a kiss for me. The banishment from me and baby hurts more than anything else. I have one of the best "Daddy Mamas" as she calls her daddy and we both look forward to "when daddy comes home," the whole day. Even baby boy is learning and always has a big smile for daddy.

Mothers, don't spoil your babies. Of course you love them, we all do, but it is so much better for a little baby to stay on a bed, by a window, than to be held and bounced continually. My boy spends most of his day from bath time, 8:30 A. M., until evening on the bed by the window, where the sun shines in and how happy he is. When he gets sleepy he simply shuts his eyes and is asleep. We hold him a long time every evening and of course I hold him at different times during the day, to rest him, but he is always contented on his bed. I arrange the curtains so the light and sun does not shine in his face and eyes.

I am twenty-four years old and have been married five years.

A HAPPY YOUNG MOTHER.

LYON, MISS.

DEAR COMFORT FRIENDS:

I've been helped so much through COMFORT that I'd like to give something in return.

How many study at night? Hubby and I do. We each have a small dictionary that we carry in our pockets and during our spare moments we study twenty or twenty-five words. At night we spell the words we've studied, giving pronunciation and definition. We also study history.

When I was about eight years old, our teacher organized a "Sunbeam Club." We each were supposed to be sunbeams and our task was to do a kind deed each day. We met every Friday afternoon at the home of one of the members and gave an account of our deeds. We were also taught to sew at these meetings. Maybe some mother or teacher could organize such a club in her community.

I'd be glad to hear from some of the sisters and next time I'll give a description of our home.

Mrs. J. R. GOODWIN.

PEORIA, ARIZ.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

I am going to ask you to please print this in the Sisters' Corner. Since my letter came out in the October issue of COMFORT I have received letters from all over the United States, asking about Arizona. I have tried to answer all who sent stamps but I find it impossible to answer all as I would like to. I receive from one to six letters every day. I wish I could correspond with every dear sister I have heard from but

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do without things that I knew she ought to have. We wanted an automobile, but we couldn't afford it. We wanted to buy our own home, but we couldn't afford that.

It made me desperate to think of what might happen if I became sick or lost my job. I worried about it, and so did my wife. We were living from hand to mouth, and we didn't know what calamity and hardships might be lurking just around the corner.

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When I look back to that day and realize how close I came to passing

up that ad, it sends cold chills down my spine. If the book had cost me a thousand dollars instead of a two-cent stamp, it would still have been cheap. All that I have today—an automobile, my home, an established business, a contented family—all these are due to the things I learned by reading that little eight-page booklet.

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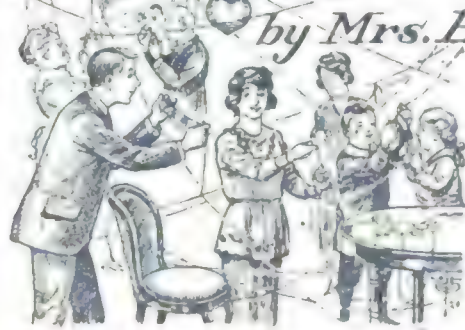
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A COBWEB PARTY OF VALENTINE DAY



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A Valentine party should be a frolic. A Cobweb party is a frolic from beginning to finish and so is particularly suitable for this holiday.

TO arrange the cobweb take as many white strings (grocer twines), of uniform length as you expect guests; the length to vary with the age of your expected visitors and the size of your house. Thirty feet is a good length for young children, fifty to a hundred feet, or longer, is good for adults and joyous young folks. Especially if you have a staircase to work around.

On the end of each string tie a card bearing the guest's name. These can also have numbers or flowers or quotations which will later determine supper partners. Or they may contain a fortune. Favors may be used, if you wish, thus allowing each guest to choose a string at random. The strings rolled in separate balls with the name cards at one end are now laid on a chair or table at the entrance to the room in which you expect to entertain. Tie each string to the legs of the table, to parts of the chair or more artistic in effect, to a decorated heart-shaped frame, so that the cards or favors are visible. Whatever you fasten the strings to, be sure it is solid. The newest post of the banisters is good. Take the balls one at a time and pass them back and forth through the rooms, under the tables, around the piano legs, over the curtain poles, through the banisters and finally, when the end is reached, tie to the nearest object and affix to the tip end of each string, candy, a gift, a valentine or a fortune; according to what you put on the first end and to what you wish to spend. For be it known that no matter how well provided for we may be, we all enjoy carrying home a tiny little favor, or a mirth provoking couplet or picture.

After having carried the first string through devious courses do the same with the rest. You will soon be able to pass the strings over and under one another so that the room looks as if a giant spider had spread snares. If you expect over twenty guests, better not make the strings more than seventy-five feet long, unless your rooms are large. The guests, when all are assembled, are directed to select a thread of the web and follow it up to the end. The first out receives a prize.

This is an excellent entertainment to hold in the Grange hall, or church parlors. The most diffident of persons will be jolly and friendly after giving and receiving aid from his fellow toilers in unfastening the occasional snarls.

The remainder of the evening may be spent in accordance to the age of the guests. With crepe paper or evergreen branches it is possible to screen off one corner of the room as a Cupid's Bower or Post Office. A child dressed as a fairy or in any form of cupid outfit considered feasible (little gauze wings and a paper quiver of cardboard arrows are effective and easily-made features of such a costume), may distribute valentines. A pretty idea is to simulate a large valentine with crepe paper and have the child, or if preferred a young lady in valentine costume, give out the tokens.

With shelf paper each door and window may be made to simulate a valentine. Strings of paper, such as every house specializing in valentines carries, gives the room a festive appearance.

Games

Among the games may be considered any frolic. DO YOU REALLY KNOW YOUR LADY? is a good game.

Supply every lady with a number, every gentleman with a paper and pencil. The ladies retire to an adjacent room which is darkened—a sheet is hung as a curtain in the connecting doorway. Two slits are cut in the upper part and one in the lower. Following their numbers, the ladies stick both hands and one foot through the curtain slits—they may shake them—they may remain but a second. The gentlemen are required to write the names of the ladies. Winner, of course, receives a prize. To avoid slitting a good sheet, three breadths of cloth may be stitched together, leaving opening in the seams.

HOW LONG?

Ten candles are stood in a direct row and lighted. The player is supposed to blow all ten out—if possible with one breath. The number of candles left standing show how many years it will be before the player marries.

ORIGINAL VALENTINES.

Supply each man with a card and pencil, allow five minutes for each to write a valentine. Then read aloud. The one voted best wins a prize.

The cobweb party is usually so lengthy an affair that by the time Cupid has gotten out the valentines there will remain space for but one or two games before supper.

If the guests remain after supper, a Circular Love Story is always interesting. Seat the guests; give them numbers; select a master of ceremonies. He calls any number. The person holding that number begins a love story. Just as he is nicely going, the master calls another number. The person thus called must continue the story and so on. With clever people this will result in a delightful hour.

Supper Service

Probably the entire house, except the kitchen, has already been requisitioned for the use of the guests. Supper must in some way be accommodated. With green boughs or crepe paper cover stove and sink, and transform tubs and tables with crepe-paper cloths covered with cupids and valentines into buffets and set the supper out in the kitchen. Of course, if the kitchen is large enough, you will have no trouble in setting your guests at a long table, or at many small ones. For dollies use hearts cut from red paper. In the center of the table place a valentine pie with paper ribbons reaching to each plate. The pie may be small because it is to contain only slips of paper with either verses of love poems, or jokes

written on each. Love poems are fine for February, but jokes bring a laugh and the hostess who can bring enough laughs is a success. Excellent jokes are constantly printed in newspapers and magazines.

Each guest is, of course, to read his slip aloud. A little ingenuity and skill with scissors and brush will enable one to make valentine and cupid place-cards. A moderate expenditure will buy cupid dolls, favors—anything. But never think that a party depends on expenditure. Little funny ten- or twenty-five cent prizes, statuettes, candy images, clever pictures, booklets, tiny mirrors, powder-puffs or little home-made articles are just as acceptable as the expensive prizes and favors which we all know how to buy if we wish to spend freely. A table decorated with a half-dozen candlesticks with valentine shades and with simple red hearts will conduce to merriment just as readily as one loaded with expense.

If you cannot seat the guests at table, here are two novel methods of serving. Place baskets holding refreshments for two, or one, on the table or buffet. Let each gentleman take his basket to his fair lady. Or if your menu cannot be thus served, have one girl guest and escort accountable for each course.

Supper menu consists of

Bouillon and bread sticks,
Salads and sandwich,
Ice cream and cake,
Coffee, cheese and crackers.

This is a very elaborate supper for a small party.

One girl may have a table either at the kitchen door or in the rooms, whichever fits the individual circumstance. Here, from a chafing-dish or the kitchen range—or a pitcher—she may serve the bouillon, whilst her escort with the bread-stick basket sees that everyone is cared for. Then the next couple may dish out and pass the salad and sandwiches—so on through the menu.

Bouillon, sandwiches, cake and lemonade is a simple, reasonable menu for giving folks.

The bouillon may be clear beef broth seasoned with celery and parsley, or chicken broth. In neither case is it a great expense as the meat is still available for the family use.

The sandwiches should be cut heart shape, and may be plain bread and butter or filled with chopped chicken, seasoned with paprika, or with chopped ham, or cream cheese and chopped pickle. Cake may be a plain cake made in jelly tin, cut in heart shape and iced. Remnants may be used for family pudding.

A large coconut layer cake with ring, thimble and penny in it is always enjoyed.

For salad the simplest is Ricoletto Salad: One cup chopped walnut meat, one cup chopped celery, two cups chopped apple, a little salt and mix with mayonnaise. Serve on a lettuce leaf.

For little folks serve bread and butter, sandwich and coco— or lady-fingers and vanilla ice cream.

Ice cream and cake seem to be universally liked. A simple menu would be sufficient, and the nature and variety of the refreshments must necessarily depend largely on locality and circumstances.

St. Valentine's Day

By C. L. Cheever

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ST. Valentine's Day is the day set apart for all true lovers.

With us the day has left an influence which has been given to it by the many generations of young lovers. In these days we get a suggestion of lavender or a wave of musk that still hovers around the old, yellow, crumpled love-misives that have survived the years, and that our great-grandmothers received and opened blushing, and read with palpitating hearts.

It seems strange that this plain little valentine of two hundred years ago should have caused a tremor; the paper is coarse and brownish, not an attempt at ornamentation, with just a few lines of crude verse written in a stiff, conventional hand. But, after all, it was written from the full heart of some seventeenth century grandfather.

With specimens of the valentines which have been circulated for hundreds of years, the date is easily told for with time grew boldness of thought and elaboration. After the heart and dove valentines—these mostly deformed and carrying in their bills scrolls and ribbons with little sentiments written upon them, and modest little hearts, very unsymmetrical—then there came those decorated with larger hearts outlined in red ink, in some solid blood red coloring, pierced through and through with arrows.

It was many, many years before the manufactured valentine came into vogue. Everybody could have one for a price, from the plain little sheet, with its wood-cut and single sentiment, to the wonderfully frilled and belaced paper affairs which unfolded many times.

There was no necessity for the simple home-made expressions; yet, in the gaudy machine-made ones was lost that little personal touch which so expressed the heartfelt emotions of the sender.

It is strange that a day so distinctly marked in its character should have so vague an origin. There is a story given to us of the banishment of the good priest and his connection with St. Valentine's Day.

It is said that in a Greek temple, near the palace of the Emperor Claudius, the Cruel, in Rome, there stood a high priest, whose name was Valentine. He was popular with the whole city, and so great was his popularity that his church was crowded and around the altars and fires knelt all the wise people of Rome. Old and young, rich and poor, ignorant and wise, all went to learn of Valentine.

In the midst of all this popularity, wars arose outside of Rome and the Emperor called upon all his citizens to go to battle.

But many demurred, the married men did not want to leave their families, the engaged men did not want to leave their sweethearts.

On hearing all this the Emperor declared that there should be no more weddings and that every engagement should be broken.

The Emperor was so angry, that even the pleadings of his counselors were in vain. When the good priest heard of all this he was very sad. Young girls died of love and young men went to their work with heavy hearts. So, secretly, Valentine united a couple, then others came to him and he quietly married them. At last the Emperor heard of all this and ordered Valentine to be cast into a dungeon. "I will have no man in Rome who refuses to obey my commands."

So Valentine was dragged from the altar and taken to prison. There he languished and died. But each year, on the anniversary of his birth, the people met and honored his name. Many were married on this night.

This is all a pretty legend, and appeals to us as in keeping with the sentiment of the day, but the origin of St. Valentine's Day probably is much older, having originated in the ancient feast in honor of Pan and Juno, held by the early Romans during the month of February.

The Christian leaders persuaded their converts to allow them to substitute St. Valentine for pagan Pan and Juno, and the date of the saint's death, the fourteenth of February, as the day of celebration.

The new name and date did not disturb the people so long as the festivities remained the same.

However we may choose to observe the day of St. Valentine, its character has been stamped by generations who entered into its celebration sincerely, joyously, and no matter how indifferent we may be, we cannot escape that influence which is the inheritance of the many years gone by, and it does us no harm to partake of the old-time fragrance in the sentiments we have to express.

The custom still has its fascination for the children and not a few of the older people but it is a much degenerated festival, leaving with us all the impression that, somehow, today is the day set apart for all true lovers, when they may devote themselves to each other in the name of the good saint, Valentine.

In the essays of Elia, Charles Lamb touches this day of universal love in his delicate, humorous way:

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ANXIOUS, West Virginia.—It would be best that when you and this boy enter church together, you do not take his arm. (2) You should not hold your caller's overcoat for him or assist him in any way in putting it on. A man is always supposed to be capable of managing his own coat. This also applies to your question concerning your escort's hat. You should not take it from him, hold it for him, or in any manner assist the management of his masculine headgear.

ANXIOUS D., Texas.—It seems most unfair that you should not be able to take any part in the dancing at your Saturday night boy and girl parties—because you always have to play the piano. Why is this? Surely there must be someone in your school crowd who would take your place occasionally, even if not so good a musician. Or some older person might be drafted or could volunteer. You are necessarily handicapped in your fun and friendly relationships with your boy chums by not being able to dance with them. We think this solves one side of your "unpopularity problem." For a girl of thirteen, your letter was unusually well expressed. It had a sense of perspective and right proportion which shows that you have profited by the fondness for books to which you confess. It is possible that it is just this intelligent brain of yours which makes you not quite so companionable to your boy friends—who quite often may be rather stupid young animals, I am sorry to say. To answer your question as to what kind of a girl a boy likes best, is to have to know the kind of boy who is to do the liking. They are as various as girls. A boy of your own grade of intelligence might not properly appreciate your young wisdom, but it is certain that he would be more apt to care for your companionship than would a more ordinary youngster. As a general rule, we think a boy as young as those you list would be most likely to care for a girl whom he would think of as a "good sport" and comrade. At thirteen or fourteen a boy is yet very much of a young barbarian and cannot be expected to look very admiringly for the finer qualities of delicacy and good-breeding which he might more fully appreciate ten years or so later on. But as for you, we are sure you will not treat your boy and girl problems too seriously. You are wise enough to know that for several years to come books will be worth much more to you than boys—and be more profitable for study and companionship. But watch out that you have a chance to dance now and then.

TWO WYOMING COWGIRLS, Wyoming.—Your meeting a boy caller at the gate would not make any rule of etiquette buck and "rare". But perhaps you might not wish to let him know you were so anxious to see him. (2) Yes; you may tell this friend of yours who is leaving town, that you would be glad to hear from him and know how he gets on in his new dwelling place and occupation. We are glad you have found our advice profitable and appreciate your thanks.

VERY DOUBTFUL, Haines City, Fla.—A boy would lead the way in entering a drug store or ice cream parlor, and he would see that the girl with him was properly and conveniently seated before seating himself. Practically all soda fountains have a list of drinks posted in a prominent place, or furnish printed menus containing names and prices of the various delicious concoctions on tap. (2) You should thank anyone who performs any courtesy for you—and this pleasant and correct ruling would not except your fiancé. We note that you spell this "finace"—which may be a cheerful prophecy that your future husband has full pockets. (3) You have asked four times the number of questions allowed by the rules of this department. Read the heading of this column.

HEART-BROKEN, Castor, La.—If you are no longer engaged to this girl and "her love is failing," we are sorry for your sad case—particularly as you "still love her." But it is a woman's privilege to change her mind—or heart, and we do not see quite what you can do to alter the present situation. Love is not something which can be rebuilt like a collapsing house, or turned on and off like a water tap. If this girl has found someone she likes better, you had best try to do the same thing. Forget your troubles in hard work—or go to see Douglas Fairbanks in "The Three Musketeers." Broken hearts are much easier mended than you might now imagine.

R. C. Centralis, Ill.—Whatever you may wish to say to a girl may be said in simple language. For instance: "Won't you let me take you to So and So's dance, next Friday night?" or, "May I take you home from church?" The asking is not hard if the girl is willing. (2) Bow and offer your hand with a simple "how do you do?" when being introduced. And then let the conversation follow as it best can. A young boy is not expected to be either a Beau Brummel or a trained phrase maker.

A. F., Valley Head, Ala.—Of course it cannot be pleasant for either you or your caller to have your father always carefully present in the same room with yourself and your friend. Although your father should be rightfully present, in your motherless home, to greet your callers, we think he might under ordinary circumstances withdraw to a nearby room after a few moments' conversation with your guest or guests. Have your father's consent to this and ask him to give you a little more freedom? You are right in making no apology or comment on the matter to your callers. Your father's care of you does him credit and is based on his love for you. It is a guardianship better overdone than neglected. Yet there is a happy medium in all things and we think you are justified in asking him to make some concession to your wish.

J. H., Pottsville, Pa.—Theoretically, etiquette sensibly places the man where he may be of the most assistance to the girl he may be escorting. This would mean his stepping from a trolley-car first, so that he might aid in the alighting of his companion. On the same principle, any narrow or dangerous staircase, narrow in width, might be descended first by the man so that he could guard against misstep or fall. In most ordinary cases, however, a woman would precede a man in both ascending or descending a staircase. An exception to this would be in any public gathering—such as a theater crowd or at the opera. Common sense and convenience govern in such details as these, and rules are not invariable.

E. H. S., New York.—As you are a widow at the young age of but twenty-two, we take it for granted that your husband has not long been deceased. In such a case it is considered the best form for the bride to have a home wedding and to be married in her going-away gown. She would not wear white silk or satin and the rest of the conventional bridal costume. (2) At a church wedding the music might suitably be the wedding March from Wagner's "Lohengrin," and the justly celebrated "Serenade" by Schubert. The first would be played during the march down the aisle of the wedding party, and the second melody would have place immediately after the ceremony. At a simple home wedding such as yours should be, the same music would also be suitable. If you have a particular fondness for "The Rosary," the composition you mention, this might be played after the ceremony also. You have our best wishes for your happiness.

A. B. C., Tennessee.—Such table decorations as you might use for the dinner you mention would vary according to season, but a centerpiece of cut flowers surrounded, perhaps, by intertwined amilax, would always be correct and beautiful. Palms and other growing plants, might be grouped and used to make the room

festal and attractive—particularly if your dinner takes place during one of the cold months when flowers and green things become rarely charming. 2) We do not know how elaborate will be your dinner, how many will be your guests, or if you will have someone to serve. In any event, we answer your second inquiry by suggesting you do not crowd your table, and use a side table or buffet to aid in the convenient serving of your dinner. A simple list of courses, well cooked and smoothly served, will give your guests more pleasure than an elaborate and huddled meal.

Pretty Girls' Club

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probably cannot touch the floor at first, but daily practice will finally enable him to do so and will prove that his muscles have been healthily exercised. In the meantime be sure to feed him the sort of foods that will give him strength—plenty of cooked cereals—well-cooked, too—with cream, lots of milk, soft-boiled eggs, boiled rice, baked potato, green vegetables such as spinach, string beans, peas, lettuce, asparagus, but no cabbage, turnips or other vegetables difficult of digestion, assuming he is not a very tiny boy, so that he is allowed meat. But do not give him pork, or veal, or corned beef. He can have bacon, rare roast beef, lamb chops (excellent for him), roast lamb, chicken, fish, etc. And give him plenty of fruit, oranges, grapefruit, apples, prunes. See that the prunes are washed, then soaked over night, and finally cooked slowly for a couple of hours. He should eat some once a day. Do not give him hot breads to eat. I think it likely that his round shoulders come from not sufficient strength. I knew a small boy with just that habit, and after a rigid course of feeding he straightened up—but it took a whole summer of outdoor activities: swimming, tennis, rowing, and everything else, along with healthful food, to do the trick. Good luck to you!

ANNA B.,—Yes, I do love "pretty folks", and I quite sympathize with your desire to stay pretty as long as you can. There is no reason why you should get "old and wrinkled" for forty years to come and by that time you will make a pretty old lady just as you made a pretty young lady. Arm and chest exercises will help to increase your bust. Practice deep breathing diligently several times a day, keep the shoulders down and the chest up. That is, do not throw the shoulders back square, which gives a very bad and ugly line, but lift the chest and drop the shoulders. Circular massage, very gentle, with cocoa butter, may also help to increase the size of your bust. I think it probable when a little more time has elapsed since you nursed your children that your breasts may come back to normal. Of course for your children's health you should nurse them as they come, and your breasts will be just as pretty as if you did not. Give yourself plenty of nourishment, especially milk. Read all I have said about large pores in the preceding answers, and use a little tincture of benzoin in the water with which you wash your face. If you live where you can have rain-water to wash in, that is what you should use. Wash the face thoroughly at night, and after rinsing and drying rub in a little cold cream. I do not mean that you should make yourself greasy and unpleasant to look upon, but that you should apply a little cold cream with your finger-tips, and rub it until all is absorbed by the skin, or if not then wipe off any that remains. You can just a little powder on, if you desire. Do the same before going out in the daytime. Yes, indeed, you need outdoor air; if you stay in all the time, your skin will show the difference. Here is a good astringent to apply lightly to the skin after bathing and rinsing. It will help to close the pores. Be sure they are perfectly clean when you use it.

Orange-flower Astringents

Orange-flower water, one ounce; hamamelis water, 15 drops; tincture of benzoin, 15 drops.
Be sure you do not dry your skin with too frequent applications of this. Watch your skin and you can judge. Be careful what you eat, how you eat it, and don't forget that the bowels must be looked after. I am glad you have such pretty children, but quite agree with you that they need a pretty mother also, and I am sure they not only have one but will continue to have one. Be sure to take a body bath daily, even if it is only a quick rub with a cloth, while standing on a folded towel. The fact that your hair breaks off, and is dull, would indicate that your whole physical condition is a little below par. Feed yourself up, get plenty of sleep (if possible—you see, I remember these two babies); drink lots of water, eat fruit, vegetables, cereals and cream, etc. The finger-nail condition indicates the same thing. The body is not receiving the building elements it needs. In any case, keep your nails cut the length of the finger—just to the edge and rounded as the edge is, and they will not break up so easily. But your main job is to look after your general physical condition and build that up. I should bob my little girl's hair. She will have healthier hair and more of it, later, if you do.

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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that is impossible. Don't think your letters were not appreciated for every one was, but there is only one of me.

The climate in Arizona is fine for T. B. in both summer and winter. The winters are wonderful I think. We had no snow last winter and it didn't rain very much but we do not have much rain here at any time. It rains more some winters than others. The land is good and most anything will grow. Work has been hard to get around Peoria, but things seem to be picking up now. We have been here one year so you see I don't know everything about the country.

Peoria is a little town fourteen miles from Phoenix. We lived in the desert three months with neighbors who were homesteading a desert claim. We had to haul water a distance of three and one-half miles.

I am much better than when we came here; then I weighed 105 pounds and now I weigh 116. I was 20 years old last October, the twenty-fifth. How many have my birthday? I married young and have been happy.

To every sister who doesn't hear from me, take this as your answer.

With love and best wishes to everybody, I am,
Your friend, MARY WINEGAR.

Best Ways of Doing Things Around the Home

Keep lime-water tightly closed as it absorbs carbonic gas from the air.

To make fowl more tender, soak over night in skim-milk.—MEERLIPS, Minn.

To remove grease spots from wash goods, rub well with lard before wetting.—MRS. C. B. BYRNE, Enid, Okla.

Use paper clips for fastening back window draperies at night. This lets more air into the room and does not wrinkle the curtains.

Make wash-cloths from worn underwear, with a crocheted edge.—MRS. JOHN L. GEE, Carrier Mills, Ill.

Alcohol will remove indelible pencil marks. Soak material in small quantity of it and as it evaporates the stain will vanish.—MARIB, Spokane, Wash.

To keep frosting from becoming hard, put a teaspoon of vinegar in it just before putting it on the cake.—MRS. CHAS. BARRY, Sparta, Mich.

After frying onions, wash frying-pan and heat a handful of salt in it. Pour out while hot and the onion flavor will go with the salt.—FARMER, Bogota, Tenn.

To remove iodine stains, wet spot with cold water and hold it over a hot stove. When the heat strikes it the stain will disappear. Wash as usual.

To clean carpets when you haven't a vacuum cleaner, sprinkle a thick coating of starch over carpets and work in with broom. Let stand for two days, sprinkle with coarse salt and sweep until starch and salt are removed. You will be pleased with the result.

A white stocking makes a good cover for the sleeve board.—LACY BURMAN, Lantz, Md.

Let me tell you how I keep my bread sponge warm on cold winter nights. I stand a box on end and in it put a lantern, turned down low. Set sponge on top of box and cover it. Your sponge will be warm next morning, no matter how cold the wind was during the night.

Use every precaution so far as fire is concerned.—A COMFORT SISTER, Mellette Co., S. Dak.

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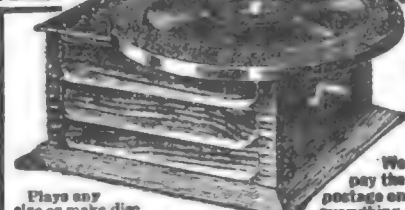
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Mrs. T. E. C., Iowa.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving a widow and children, his widow would receive all such personal property in his hands as the head of the family as would be exempt from execution and in addition thereto one-third of the real and personal estate, the balance of the estate going in equal shares to his children, the descendants of any deceased child taking their parent's share; we do not think the widow's children by a former marriage would have any interest in the estate, unless some provision was made for them by will.

R. W., Washington.—We do not think the fact, that the man you mention reversed the order of his two given names at the time of procuring his marriage license, would affect the validity of his marriage, if he had been accustomed to signing his name in this way, and if there was no fraudulent intent on his part to confuse his identity with some other person.

Mrs. C. P., Minnesota.—We are of the opinion that when suit is brought upon a claim of any nature, if the same is prosecuted to judgment, such judgment will be rendered for the amount of the recovery, together with interest and taxable costs, the total of these amounts making up the amount of the judgment to be enforced against the judgment debtor, and, after collection, the judgment creditor should receive the full amount of the judgment, from which of course it will be necessary for him to pay whatever legal or other expenses he has had in connection therewith.

Mrs. W. M. K., Alabama.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that a married woman is entitled to the management and control of her separate property, but she cannot alienate or mortgage her real estate without the husband's signature to the deed or mortgage; she is not entitled to compensation for her services from her husband, but is entitled to the full control of her earnings from others; she is entitled to be supported by her husband, and can enforce this right by the proper court action or proceeding; we think, however, the husband would be entitled to receive the money for the sale of his livestock or produce, even though the wife helped raise or produce the same.

Mrs. A. F., Iowa.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will and leaving a surviving widow and children, the widow is entitled to homestead rights and to all such personal property which was in the husband's hands as the head of the family, and in addition thereto one-third of the real and personal estate. We think the widow is entitled to the guardianship of her minor children.

E. H., Missouri.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that the consent of the parents or guardian is necessary for the marriage of females under 18 years of age.

Mrs. W. W., Pennsylvania.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that the real and personal estate of a decedent, whether male or female, remaining after payment of all just debts and legal charges, which shall not have been sold, or disposed of by will, or otherwise limited by marriage settlement, shall be divided where decedent leaves spouse surviving and one child only, one-half to such surviving child and one-half to the surviving spouse; we do not think a married woman can, by will, bar her husband from a share in her estate; we do not think it necessary that a will be drawn by a lawyer but it must be legally drawn and executed before two competent witnesses, the testator must possess testamentary mental capacity and must not be under undue influence.

Mrs. C. E. L., Arkansas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving no child nor descendant, his widow would be entitled to receive dower of a one-half interest for life in the real estate, and one-half of the personal estate absolutely, if the property be a new acquisition; but if the estate be ancestral, her interest is limited to one-third the personal estate, and a one-third interest for life in the real estate.

Mrs. J. H. C., Missouri.—We can form no opinion as to which way the court will decide a case from your statements as to the number of witnesses testifying on the one side; we think the case should be determined according to the principles of law from the best evidence presented before the court. The number of witnesses testifying on either side would not, of course, be a determining factor in the case, unless their testimony was of a convincing nature.

M. J., Virginia.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving a surviving widow and children by her, such widow, in addition to her

homestead rights and certain small allowances from the personal property, would be entitled to receive dower of a one-third interest for life in his real estate, and one-third of the personal estate absolutely, after payment of debts and expenses, the balance of the estate going in equal shares to his children, the descendants of any deceased child taking their parent's share.

M. F., Kansas.—We think the mortgagee of your property can enforce his lien upon all property covered by his mortgage and that the exemptions allowed by the bankruptcy law would only apply to such property as the bankrupt may own not subject to the mortgage.

Mrs. D. E. P., New Jersey.—We do not think you are liable to punishment and arrest because the husband of the jealous woman you mention calls upon your family, unless you alienate his affections from his wife, or unless you are guilty of improper conduct with him; we think you should not take her conduct too seriously if she is of a jealous disposition.

A. B. C., North Dakota.—If, as we understand from your communication, the property you mention belongs to your mother, we think she is entitled to its management and control without any interference from your father, but that she cannot bar him from an interest in her estate in case he survives her; during her lifetime we think she should assume control of her own property and receive the income therefrom. Perhaps if she refused to support him, he would be less exacting.

C. R., Louisiana.—Under the laws of Arkansas, we think delinquent taxes are subject to a 25 percent penalty and 10 percent interest and costs, and that lands returned as delinquent for taxes may be redeemed within two years after such forfeiture.

T. J. D., Colorado.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that action for the recovery of lands which have been in the actual occupancy of another under a connected title, admissible of record from the state, the United States or from any officer or person authorized to sell for taxes, or on execution, or under order or decree of court, must be brought within seven years after the possession has been taken; but if the title is acquired after taking possession, then the limitation runs from the date of acquiring such title; but as to persons under disability, the time is extended for two years after the disability is removed.

Mrs. J. F., Oklahoma.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man leaving no will and leaving no child nor descendant, his widow, in addition to her homestead rights, if any, and certain small allowance, is entitled to the real estate, the balance going to his parents, brothers, sisters, or their descendants, depending upon who is left.

Mrs. J. C. McN., Texas.—Under the laws of New Mexico, we are of the opinion that all property owned by the husband or wife before marriage, and all acquired afterwards by gift, devise or descent, is the separate property of each, respectively; and that all other property acquired after marriage by either husband or wife is community property; the husband has the management and control of the personal property of the community, other than testamentary, as he has of his separate estate; the wife may also convey her separate estate, but the husband and wife must join in the deeds and mortgages affecting real estate which is community property; upon the death of either spouse, without a will, separate property descends, one-fourth to the survivor and three-fourths to the children, the descendants of any deceased child taking their parent's share; if decedent leaves no children nor descendants the entire separate estate goes to the surviving spouse, unless otherwise disposed by will; upon the death of the wife, the entire community property belongs to the husband; upon the death of the husband, one-half of the community property goes to the surviving wife, and the other half is subject to his testamentary disposition; if he dies intestate, the remaining half goes one-fourth to the widow and the remaining three-eighths of the estate to his children in equal shares, the descendants of any deceased child taking their parent's share.

Mrs. G. A. H., Missouri.—Under the laws of Oklahoma, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving no child nor descendant, his estate would go one-half to his surviving widow, and the remaining half to his father or mother, or if he leaves both father and mother, to them in equal shares.

J. K., Iowa.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that in order to bind the real estate of the woman who died it would be necessary to hold something in writing, as otherwise, in the absence of a will, her real estate will descend according to the intestacy laws of your state; we can form no opinion as to the advisability of your signing a correction deed of the property you mention without full knowledge of the facts in connection therewith.

W. E. D., New Mexico.—We think the law requires that the will left by the man who died be probated and his property disposed of in accordance therewith; we think it the duty of the executor appointed in the will to collect all overdue claims of the estate as soon as he qualifies.

Mrs. F. I., Texas.—Under the laws of your state, and upon your statements, we are of the opinion that the man you mention can be compelled to support his wife, and if he cannot be located his property can be sold and the proceeds thereof used for her support, in the proper court action brought for that purpose.

Big Men of the Armament Conference

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ment of the monarchy a republican government for all China was organized with its seat at Peking, the imperial capital, but the southern provinces rebelled and set up a republican government of their own. Besides the war that is raging between these two rival governments the outlying districts of the country are being ravaged by numerous bands of brigands led by local military chieftains—much after the fashion of Mexican insurgents—so that China is in a deplorably chaotic state.

Each of these two governments sent a delegation, but the Armament Conference, not wishing to countenance a division of China, admitted only the delegates from the older northern government and recognized them as representing China in its entirety. They are keen, interesting men well versed in world affairs, all educated in American colleges and speaking perfect English. The four northern delegates are:

W. W. Yen, Minister of Foreign Affairs, is a graduate of the University of Virginia. After returning to China he became Professor of English in St. John's University at Shanghai, and English editor of the Commercial Press. Later he served as Second Secretary of the Chinese Legation at Washington, then as Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and next as Minister to Germany and Denmark and remained at his post in Berlin until China entered the World War on the side of the Allies.

V. K. Wellington Koo, former Minister to the United States, is a graduate of Columbia University, New York. He has been Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Minister to Mexico, and headed the Chinese delegation at the Paris Peace Conference. He is the youngest member of the Chinese delegation at Washington.

Sao-Kee Alfred Sze, present Minister to the United States, is a graduate of Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. He has been a director of several railroads in China, and has served his government in various capacities, including Minister to Great Britain.

CHUNG-HUI WANG, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court at Peking, studied law at the Yale Law School, New Haven, Conn. He has traveled widely in Europe, and has held many important

public offices, among them Minister of Justice. He has been called "one of the most promising intellectual leaders of the new era in China."

Dutch Delegation

H. A. VAN KARNEBEEK, Minister of Foreign Affairs, in which office during the World War he performed the difficult task of preserving Holland's neutrality. He has been Mayor of The Hague, and was chosen President of the first session of the League of Nations Assembly at Geneva. He heads Holland's delegation to the Armament Conference.

F. BEELAERTS VAN BLOKLAND, Chief of the Department of Diplomatic Affairs in the Foreign Ministry, was formerly Minister to China.

E. MORESCO, is Vice-President of the Netherlands Indian Council, and formerly was Secretary-General of the Department of Colonial Affairs.

WILLIAM DE BEAUFORT, Minister to Greece, has served as diplomatic representative of Holland in many countries, including Japan, China, France, Belgium, and the United States to which he has had three different appointments, the last as Minister to Washington in 1918.

Holland, because of her extensive colonial possessions in the East Indies which largely exceed the mother country in area and population, is deeply interested in the Pacific policies to be acted on by the Conference.

Belgian Delegate

BARON E. DE CARTIERE DE MARCHEMME, Belgian Ambassador to the United States, represents Belgium at the Armament Conference. During his long career in the diplomatic service he has held appointments to Austria, Serbia, Brazil, Japan, China, France and Great Britain.

Portuguese Delegate

VISCOUNT D'ALTE, Portuguese Minister to the United States, represents Portugal at the Armament Conference. He is an able, though reticent and unassuming man, as may be gathered from the fact that his photograph, which is reproduced to illustrate this article, is the first he has had taken for twenty years.

Belgium and Portugal are specially interested in the program laid out for the action of the Armament Conference because of their large colonial possessions, mostly in Africa.

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ECZEMA.—I have a poodle dog that breaks out with yellow festered blisters. The blisters run and cause the hair to mat. The dog seems well. Mrs. B. B.

A.—Make the dog live out of doors so far as possible and allow only one small feed each evening. Do not feed cornmeal or potatoes. If the dog is fat, give it a dose of Epsom salts once a week to reduce it and increase exercise. Apply compound sulphur ointment to the sores as often as seems to be necessary.

GARGET.—I have a cow that freshened last May. When taken off pasture a few days ago she failed in her milk. When it sets a day the milk tastes old and slightly bitter. She was foundered on shelled oats two years ago. Address: direct all correspondence to the Veterinary Department, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

A.—The milk is unfit for use when changed in consistency as described. Garget (mammitis) is the cause and such a cow is not profitable. We should therefore advise you to dry off the milk secretion and fit the animal for the butcher, if you think that will pay. As she was foundered and has chronic disease of the udder, we do not think it likely that treatment would succeed.

WEEK SOW.—What is the trouble with my six-months-old sow? She goes down on her knees, gets up and goes down as though she were weak in her hind quarters. She coughs when it is damp. Is it worms?

A.—Lack of exercise and overfeeding with corn tend to cause paralysis. Turn the sow out for active daily exercise. Give her four ounces of Epsom salts in slop or warm water to move her bowels, then keep them active. Allow her free access to clover or alfalfa hay, slaked lime, wood ashes and wood or corn-cob charcoal. Feed middlings, ground barley or rye, wheat bran and tankage from a self-feeder. Worms are not a probable cause.

MAMMITS.—I have a cow that will not give milk out of one of her teats, and the next one to it is drying. Can you tell me the cause and remedy? Mrs. L. M. B.

A.—Mammitis (garget) has caused the conditions mentioned and as a treatment will not be likely to do any good we should advise you to dry off the milk secretion in the other quarters and fit the cow for slaughter. If you do not care to do that then let a calf nurse.

INDIGESTION.—Please tell me what to do for my horse. His kidneys do not act often enough—not more than once or twice a day. Sometimes he seems over his kidneys, otherwise he is all right. The urine has a bad color. P. E. N.

A.—Indigestion is the cause of the symptoms you describe and there is nothing wrong with the kidneys. See that the horse is never allowed to stand without work or active outdoor exercise for a single day. Allow him a roomy box-stall when in the stable or turn him loose in a field when out at work. Add one-sixth part of wheat bran, by weight, to the ration of oats. Add roots, especially carrots or parsnips. Until the bowels respond, dissolve two ounces of Glauber salts in hot water and add it to the drinking water once daily. If the urine does not then soon clear up, stop the Glauber salts and mix one teaspoonful of boric acid in the feed night and morning until the urine becomes normal.

BITTER MILK.—The milk from my Jersey cow is very bitter. Just before it turns sour and if it sets a little while a layer of water separates the cream from the curd. Last spring, after freshening, the milk was bitter after being cooled for cocon. She eats wheat hay, has plenty of water and salt. Mrs. A. H. K.

A.—Bacteria in the milk utensils sometimes cause such conditions in milk, therefore you should see that all vessels are scrupulously cleansed, scalded and sun dried. Also set the milk in a clean, dustless place. Do not allow the cow to drink surface water or any water that is impure. Set a sample of milk from each quarter of the udder in a separate sterilized bottle, labeling each so that the quarter from which each sample came may be known. Allow the milk to stand overnight in a clean glass jar. If the milk is normal, the secretion in that quarter should be dried off. Such a cow should be tested with tuberculin, as tuberculosis is a possibility. If she reacts it will be necessary to dispose of her as prescribed by state law. Write again, if necessary, after you have examined the milk from each quarter. Meanwhile give her a pound dose of Epsom salts in three parts of warm water sweetened with molasses. Give it very slowly and carefully. Follow with a heaping tablespoonful of a mixture of two parts of powdered wood charcoal and one part of granular hypophosphite of soda in each feed.

MANGE.—Can you give me a good remedy for my hound? I have doctored him for scratches and have tried almost everything but he doesn't get any better. He has big red spots and the hair comes off. His feet are swollen and with yellow blisters between the toes. A. S.

A.—The dog is probably affected with parasitic mange; but eczema is, of course, a possibility. When the disease becomes chronic and affects much of the body it is difficult to eradicate and some cases are incurable. Clip the dog and then tub him in hot water, lather him with tincture of green soap and scrub perfectly to remove all scales and scabs. Then dry thoroughly. Afterwards rub in compound sulphur ointment every three days, or use a proprietary mange cure for dogs which you can buy at the drug store. Put boots on the feet to keep the dog from biting and licking these parts. If the treatment advised is not effective, write again later. It may be added that the dog should live an active outdoor life and have one cat which will eat the mites. Do not feed cornmeal or potatoes.

BOLLS.—I have a Holstein that has never been sick, but has a trouble that worries me. It starts at the top of the teat where it joins the udder and has a raised plane just like the end to a thimble. It gets very sore and the teat cannot be milked. It cracks, bleeds and pus flows from it. It is like this for one week and then a heavy crust forms and at the end of two weeks it is nearly cured. As soon as it leaves one teat it follows to another, until all four have had it. Then it comes back to the others, only worse. M. W.

A.—The boils in such cases are due to germs (streptococci) infecting one teat place after another by traveling in the connective tissue. The infection may be spread from one cow to another by the milker's hands, therefore an affected cow should be kept isolated and milked last or by one who does not handle the other cows. Treat, by twice daily, for at least five minutes, immersing the affected teats in a hot 1-to-1,000 solution of chinosol, or in hot water containing all the boric acid it will dissolve. Then dry gently and rub into each sore place. When a boil ruptures, paint it twice daily with a saturated solution of permanganate of potash.

PIGMENT SORE.—I have a young cat that has a very peculiar black scab on his upper lip on each side of his nose. It will gradually grow from a speck to a piece almost as large as a dime, then drops off, bringing the hair with it, leaving no sign of a sore but new hair underneath. L. W.

A.—The scab is congealed liquid exudate containing pigment, the cause of which it would be impossible to state confidently. In some animals such a condition or growth might take the form of a melanotic or pigment tumor, and that disease (melanosis) is cancerous and incurable. Cleanse the part and perfectly remove the scab; then paint the affected skin with tincture of iron and afterward rub in a little sublimate of bismuth once or twice daily if you notice that the scab is rising again. Write us later if further advice is required.

FIRS.—I have a cow seven years old that appears to be in good health, giving a large flow of milk. She takes spells, something like a fit, of falling head forward and muscles working all over. The attack lasts about five minutes and in fifteen minutes she is up as if nothing had happened. Can she be cured of them? Mrs. A. C.

A.—The cow evidently has epileptic fits and there is no certain remedy for epilepsy. They may come on less often if you have her take outdoor exercise every day and keep her bowels relaxed. Do not feed over one pound of concentrated feed (meals) for each three and one-half pounds of milk yielded daily. It is possible that heavy feeding helps to induce fits. Bromide of potash in half-ounce dose in water at time of fit may help.

MANGE.—My cat has lately appeared with scabs almost the size of a dime covering her head. Her hair comes off in small places. The cat appears to be in a healthy condition, running about and eating as usual. B. W.

A.—The symptoms indicate parasitic mange. Scrub the affected parts clean with soap and hot water and remove the scabs. Do not apply carbolic acid or coal tar dip of any kind as they are poisonous to cats. Compound sulphur ointment, to be bought at the drug store, may suffice as a remedy. Apply it every three days. Kerosene is the popular treatment and is effective in many instances. Write again later if we can be of further assistance.

SWAMP FEVER.—Please tell me what ailed my four-year-old mare. She appeared to be swollen all over before the colt was foaled. She had no milk. The colt seemed to be fully developed but could not get up. The mare's appetite was good for a few days then she refused to eat and her joints would pop with every step. She lived three weeks. W. L.

A.—We cannot give a perfectly confident opinion as an examination would, of course, be necessary for that, but we think it probable that the mare was afflicted with swamp fever, for which there is no cure.

Poultry Farming for Women

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takes at least twenty-five chickens the first week to make such a "mother" warm enough to keep them comfortably, and it depends entirely on the animal heat from their own bodies.

As soon as they are placed in a brooder some fine gravel or very finely-cracked poultry grit should be strewn about. I like the gravel that is sold for caged birds for the first two or three days, as it is bright and attracts the little fellows to pick it up, and in this way they get the material that is needed to enable the gizzard to grind feed when it is given to them. After the thirty-six hours' fast, put a small pan of sour skim-milk before them and, to teach them how to feed, pick up one or two and dip their bills into the milk. If a few commence to eat, the others will follow suit. Of course, the milk, like the water that is given to chickens, must be put in dishes that are partly covered to prevent them from getting into it. For the sour milk we use small fruit saucers with a strip of board across the top, so that there is only a small opening left on each side of the dish.

At the end of half an hour the milk is taken away and two hours later they have their first real meal, which consists of stale bread which has been dried in the oven and put through a meat chopper. One cup of this is mixed with two eggs which have been hard boiled, cooled and chopped shell and all. About one-third of that mixture is poured along a narrow board and given to fifty chicks. If any is left at the end of half an hour, it is removed. The following day, sour milk and the above mash is alternated at intervals of two hours. After that, the sour milk is left before them all the time, the mash given in small quantities every two hours.

On the fourth day they have water given them for the first time. The fountain is left in the coop for half an hour in the morning, and the same length of time at about 2 P. M., and a little rolled oats which has been broken fine is scattered on the floor of the coop.

The fifth and sixth days are the same as the fourth, except that the dish of water is left before them all the time. After the sixth day we commence to use rolled oats instead of the dry bread in the mash, and liver or lean meat which has been parboiled gradually takes the place of the egg, and chick feed is scattered on the floor three times a day. All these changes must be accomplished very gradually from the sixth to the twenty-eighth day, and of course the quantity given must be increased, for chicks are very fast growers. In fact, there is no young creature, except squabs, that grows so rapidly during the first two weeks of its life as a chicken, and for this reason chicks require an abundance of easily-digested, nutritious food, and to keep the system in proper working order it must be supplied in small quantities very frequently.

After the fourth day, never leave mash before them more than fifteen minutes at a time and don't make more than is needed for one day at a time or it may sour and cause trouble; besides which, if it is left before them all the time, they will have no inducement to scratch and hunt for the chick feed.

From the fourth to the eighth week we keep a dry mash before them all the time in self-feeding hoppers, for they will not eat this as greedily as they do the soft mash. Give them all the fresh green stuff they will eat at noon. Young alfalfa and clover leaves are good. If you have neither, use the green sprouts of oats.

The dry mash is the same as that used at the New Jersey Experiment Station, and is composed of the following grains:

Wheat bran, 50 pounds; gluten feed, 10 pounds; cornmeal, 10 pounds; ground oats, 10 pounds; meat scraps, 10 pounds; dry ground bone, 10 pounds.

I wish to call special attention to the value of sour skim-milk in baby chick raising. Sour milk is very palatable; it also contains much food value in its casein, which is a form of protein or nitrogen. The greatest benefit, however, lies in its disinfecting qualities. The lactic acid present kills and prevents the multiplication of intestinal bacteria. White diarrhea is one of the most dangerous of these forms. In order to get the greatest benefit from sour skim-milk it should be given the youngsters to drink from the very first day, being given in a closed vacuum fountain so that the chicks cannot get their feathers soiled from it. It should be changed daily and the vessel kept perfectly clean. Experiments conducted at the Connecticut Experiment Station have proven its great value. Experiments conducted at the New Jersey Station show that where sour milk is used as mentioned, the percentage of mortality was very materially reduced over pens that did not receive it. Also the skim-milk chicks made a gain in weight of over 28 per cent. more than those receiving no milk. Since these conclusive tests it is needless to say that we are feeding skim-milk (sour) to all of our young chicks during the brooding period with the greatest success.

Wheat bran is a valuable adjunct to the chick ration. It is especially palatable and rich in protein. It has a high ash content (phosphoric acid) and is fairly bulky, which makes it useful to mix with finer and more concentrated foods. Wheat

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The Spellbinders

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"Oh," said the man from Chicago casually, "you and I can divide up on the proceeds."

"The council meets tonight in the room over Gray's saloon."

"Thank you," returned the revivalist. "I'll be there to address the meeting."

On the following morning the father and son, all unaware of the turn of public sentiment, stood again in front of the new theater.

Its contemplation fired the actor's very soul. Unconsciously he struck a martial attitude, bred of long experience in the venerable cohorts of Prince Hal and Richard of Gloucester.

"I'm looking for J. Jefferson, Esq.," said a man who had just crossed the unpaved street behind them.

"The very man, my lord, thou seest before thee," quoted the actor. "What wouldst of Mortimer?"

"I ain't looking for no mortimer. If you're said J. Jefferson I want to give you this here dockment." Whereupon he handed over a huge official paper.

J. Jefferson glanced through its long legal phrases with increasing wonder. One thing seemed clear enough, either he had to pay an impossible license fee, or there would be no festive opening of the Springfield Opera House on the following evening.

"Full fathoms five my money lies," apparently, he said grimly, looking at the structure with a different expression. Yet who could be so cruel as heedlessly to destroy his only means of livelihood? He inquired of the messenger if he had read the paper correctly.

"Right you are."

"Melted into air," said the actor, "into thin air."

Then because the bearer's own taste turned more towards the stage than the pulpit, this man proceeded to explain why the city had thus tardily entered upon its moral duties. "That old singin' gent down at the tent talked 'em into it."

"Why, that's the man that asked us our names yesterday," began Joe. Then he stopped. He was so used to being blamed for any trouble in sight that self-defense had become a habit. Evidently his father had the same thought as to the probable beginning of the affair.

"That's all right, Joe. It might have been a lot worse. You might not have been able to do any imitating, and think of that in a family of actors!"

Whereupon he went back to his boarding-house to break the news to his wife.

"The play's the thing," my dear, but not in this hamlet of Springfield," he observed by way of preliminary. He related the newest blow at family expectations.

Cornelia Jefferson had learned to meet misfortune bravely, yet her husband's unconquerable cheerfulness sometimes got on her nerves.

"How much is it?" she asked.

"One hundred dollars!"

The sum overwhelmed her. Every cent of their money had been invested in this new theater. They were relying upon success to pay even their board bill.

"It might be w——" began Jefferson.

"Yes," she interrupted dryly, "so you mentioned before." Then she turned from the contemplation of abstract trouble to the concrete and ubiquitous.

"Where's Joe?"

Her husband happened to glance out of the window just as he was about to confess that he did not know where the young rascal had gone.

"There is your jewel, Cornelia," he announced with a flourish.

The scion of the Jeffersons was running down the street driving before him by the tails of a long coat, a tall, gaunt, active man. In Joe's opinion the highest evidence of friendship was a willingness to be the horse. His friend of the day before was proving his worth.

Mrs. Jefferson started to raise the window to call to her son to desist, then she sat down again wearily. "If the man does not like it he ought not to allow it."

"Quite right, my dear. In fact, you and Shakespeare, in my humble opinion, are always right. What is it he said on a certain occasion? 'First thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers,'"

he quoted, as he turned back to the perusal of his legal document.

"Don't you think Shakespeare might have been willing to let a few of us young ones escape?" asked a strange voice behind them.

There stood young Joe, with his fiery steed grasped by the hand.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jefferson, startled, rose and greeted their visitor as they might have welcomed a prince in their mimic world behind the foot-light lamps. They were hospitable souls, hungry for companionship. Their guest lost no time in coming to the business of his call.

"You are the victim, if I may be allowed the term," Mr. Jefferson, of an unscrupulous spellbinder.

"What's a spellbinder?" asked Joe.

"We are all of that profession, more or less," the stranger answered with a smile. "You, Mr. Jefferson, are a success if you can rouse in the hearts of your audience the same feelings you are portraying upon the stage. I am a success when I can make a jury see a case my way. Yet you, I feel assured, play upon the feelings of your spectators only to amuse them, to make them happy, never to inspire evil motives, whatever your enemies in Springfield may say; just as I strive as best I can to be always on the side of right and justice. Now the man who is responsible for the action of the city council last night is animated by no simple motive. Believe me, I would make no such assertion without conviction. I have no spite against the church, but neither have I against the theater. And furthermore I think that a play or a story may teach as noble a moral as the longest sermon that was ever written, and reach with it many a soul the mere thought of church would scare away. Your Shakespeare thought so, too, when he wrote:

"Tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, Sermons in stones, and good in everything."

"That being what I think, I should like your permission to take up your case with the city council. I am young in the law, but this injustice is more than I can stand."

"My dear sir," cried J. Jefferson in delighted agreement, "and I was just telling my wife, things are pretty bad, but they might be a great deal worse."

"But, Joseph, you know we haven't a cent for lawyer's fees," interrupted his wife in embar-

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Mrs. Frank Snow surveyed ruefully the list before her. She knew it by heart, had written it down a score of times and each item seemed to grin and mock her as if to say "get me if you can."

Clothes for the children, \$25, the insurance, \$12.50, that long-past-due doctor's bill, a new davenport for the living room, that dress she needed so badly, shoes for Frank and then there would have to be something to keep the family larger well supplied when those visiting relations arrived. She added it up again, \$198.50 and no less would do.

But how to get this money? She thought of working in an office for a while or clerking in a store, even sewing or housework would enable her to overcome this everlasting need of more money than Mr. Snow's slender earnings could supply.

Reluctantly she put aside each idea as impractical for had she not the home and the children to look after? If only there was something she might do at home, piece work sewing, for instance. But the nearest factory was miles away and then again they paid such small prices for the work.

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passed anxiety. Then she turned toward the lawyer. "You will pardon me for interfering? But he is always so enthusiastic, and I did not want you to misunderstand. You are very kind to make the offer."

"Mrs. Jefferson," said the stranger gravely, "this is a question of right and justice. Even if I won, I could accept no fee for the mere performance of my duty as I see it."

The actors were touched into silence by his simple earnestness.

"I am a fool, to weep at what I'm glad of," quoted Cornelia softly, as she wiped away a tear unashamed.

"I am not always so serious for so long a time," said their visitor smiling as he rose to go. "I have a sort of local reputation as a humorist. Perhaps my country wit felt embarrassed in the presence of a real comedian."

Joe went out with him, still clinging to his hand. The mother and father could hear the boy's questions as they descended the stairs.

"Have you any little boys?"

"No, not yet."

"Going to have?"

"I hope so."

"Can I play with them?"

"You can play for them, Joe."

When the voices were no longer distinguishable, Cornelia turned toward her husband with swimming eyes.

"My dear," he said softly, in answer to the pressure of her hand, "it was worth riding out West here from New York to meet a man like that."

"What is his name?"

"Well, I'll be blest! We'll have to ask Joe. He'll know."

The young lawyer was in the meantime planning his campaign in the city council. If spell-binding methods had caused the passing of the license bill, why he, too, would try the efficacy of eloquence. It was an easy matter to gain a hearing. Any sort of speech was welcomed gladly, the more if it were known that the speaker was a humorist as well as an orator. The city fathers settled themselves on the back legs of their rush-bottomed chairs, laid their tobacco handy and prepared blissfully to listen.

"Always glad to hear you. Nothing like a good laugh," commented the chairman, as the lawyer came into the special council meeting called for the sole purpose of listening to this speech.

"What's it about now?"

"It's about a little circumstance that reminds me of a story I heard the other day," began the speaker. For the next ten minutes he kept the citizens in a gale of laughter. Still humorously, he sketched in the history of the drama from its earliest beginnings, far more ancient than the "three pin" shows every man present remembered as an activity of his own youth. "And where is the drama today, you may ask? Gentlemen, it is withering most uncomfortably here in Springfield, under the expansive boot of an unconfessed actor from Chicago."

All the men except the chairman laughed. Then the advocate, growing serious, spoke of the tragedy the incident was in the life of a comedian, a man who had spent his life to put others in a good humor, and not only in the man's life but in that of his children.

"Little Joe told me that he would like to live in Springfield. But you know, the youngster added, 'we can't have any home.' 'Why's that, Joe?' I asked him. 'Well, my grandfather used to say that the only home we actors could expect was a place in the hearts of our audience.' And here in Springfield, we are about to deny the little fellow even that."

It may have been a half hour later when a small boy rushed into a room in a shabby boarding-house.

"We don't have to pay," he shouted, "'cause there isn't going to be any license."

His father rose from his chair. "I want to go to thank him at once." The actor who had so often simulated emotion could not keep his own voice steady as he spoke. "What's his name, Joe?"

"Why," answered the child, "the other boys call him Abe Lincoln."

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"Come away, ma'am," she whispered. "He don't know what he is saying. I have seen my father like that. Why, he has beaten my mother when he was drunk, and did not know anything about it the next morning. You must not mind him. He don't know what he is saying."

But for the gently spoken words, Janet Reade might never have recovered from the terrible shock that she had received. A slow shiver passed over her, as if the stagnant blood had suddenly started again through her veins. A long sigh fell through her parted lips.

She was silent for a little longer, as if striving to collect her scattered senses; then she said to Estelle, in a voice which the girl would never have recognized:

"I want to go to the residence of Miss Anne Gordon. Will you find out where she lives and take me there, Estelle?"

"I will, ma'am."

"Then go at once."

The kind girl led the helpless creature to her own room, and left her there in the depths of a great armchair while she went to find out the address, and on her own account order a coupe.

Janet Reade did not reckon time by minutes then, and it seemed to her an age when the door was opened again to admit Estelle.

"I will get your bonnet now, ma'am," the maid said gently, as she looked into the eager eyes. "The cab is at the door."

CHAPTER XXIII.

MRS. READE PAYS A VISIT.

"Is Miss Gordon at home?"

The question was asked in a trembling voice of the girl who answered Mrs. Reade's ring when she applied for admission at the home of Anne Gordon. There seemed to be as little life or animation in the question as it was possible for any human lips to express, and the servant looked into the white face with curious interest.

"I think so," she answered. "Will you walk in?"

Estelle was waiting in the cab, but she looked through the window and saw the kindly girl take the arm of the old woman and assist her, guiding the tottering steps until the door had closed.

"Whom shall I say wishes to see her?"

The inquiry was made after Mrs. Reade was seated in the drawing-room, and the old eyes were lifted—those eyes in which there was such anguish pictured.

She had no card, and in a scarcely audible tone she answered:

"Mrs. Reade. And say, please, that it is—important."

The girl bowed and left the room. Although it was the first time she had ever entered that handsome room, there was nothing in it that attracted the attention of Janet Reade. Her gaze was fixed on the door, and from it never wandered until Anne Gordon had passed through.

She knew Miss Gordon well, and tried to rise as the old friend of her grandchild entered, but a terrible weakness oppressed her. She sank back in her chair and closed her eyes faintly.

Miss Gordon was beside her instantly, with the cold hands in her own warm clasp.

"What is it?" she asked swiftly. "Dear Mrs. Reade, has something happened to Marian? Nothing else could excite you like this. Do be calm and tell me."

She was upon her knees, and Janet Reade caught the tender hands and held them closely as if for strength, while she raised herself more erect in the chair.

"I thought I should find her here," she said hoarsely. "Have you not seen her?"

"No—no! I don't think I exactly understand you. What is it you mean? Is Marian not at home?"

"No."

"And you don't know where she is?"

"I don't know."

"Do you mean that she left secretly?"

"Yes."

"But why?"

The gray head was hung for a moment. It seemed to her that the greatest grief of life lay in the exposure of her son's disgrace, the shame that he had put upon his own daughter, and yet she knew that she would require assistance in finding Marian. She believed that the full account was contained in the morning papers, and, further, she conceived it to be her duty to tell Miss Gordon all that her son had said.

She was silent for a long time, looking straight into the sweet eyes without seeing a particle of their expression; then she leaned back wearily in the chair.

"It is a most painful story," she answered huskily, trying to moisten her stiff lips. "I heard it only this morning. It is not an easy thing, Miss Gordon, to speak of the disgrace of one's own son."

She paused, and all the sympathy of the girl's noble nature was aroused. She drew closer, and kissed the wrinkled cheek affectionately.

"Let me save you that," she said gently. "I know what it is that you would say."

"You know? Know what? Tell me in plain English. Don't try to spare me. The hardest blow that could be dealt, has been, and still I live."

She had straightened up again, and was looking dramatically at Anne Gordon. Her weakness seemed suddenly to have changed to strength. Miss Gordon hesitated a little, and then with lowered head she answered:

"I know that he is—the keeper of a—gambling-house."

"Is that—all?" whispered Mrs. Reade, closing her eyes for a moment. "Is that—all? Somehow it seems to me so small a thing, by comparison with the rest, that it is scarcely worthy of mention. A gambler might be a comparatively honest man; but, Miss Gordon, my son is a—thief!"

The last words were uttered in a whisper, a whisper so filled with horror, with loathing, with bitterest shame, that Anne Gordon shrank more from the tone than the knowledge the word contained. She was silent, under the surprise of it, for a moment, looking with dilated eyes into the anguish-filled ones of those of the old lady before her; then:

"Oh, no! It can't be true!" she cried. "You must have been misinformed. You must be mistaken."

"Would to Heaven that were possible! I would have believed it from no lips but his own. He has confessed the truth, and I come to you, not alone because you are the friend of his unhappy child, but because you are the woman whom he has wronged."

"You. He stole your jewels. Marian saw him do it, and compelled him to return them. He kept one of the rings, and says that it is in his possession now. It was in order to get even with her for forcing him to give back that which he had stolen that he brought this shame upon her. She discovered it last night. Miss Gordon—discovered that she was the inmate of a gambling-house, placed there as a decoy by her own father! Now you know the full extent of it. The unspeakable shame that has come upon us all."

She sat there like a piece of granite, and Anne Gordon could not find voice to speak. Astonishment, not to say horror, had stricken her dumb. She sat in glazed-eyed silence for a time that would have seemed an age had either of them been conscious of time; then, very slowly, she said:

"And Marian knew nothing of the character of the house until last night?"

"Nothing."

"But she did know of the—thief?"

"Yes."

"Oh, I see it all now! I tried to warn her,



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and I thought she knew. It was of the theft of the jewels that she spoke, while I referred to the disgrace that had come upon the roof that covered her. I see it all! Poor, unhappy Marian! How we have all wronged her! But we will find her, Mrs. Reade. We will find her if—"

Miss Gordon paused, aghast at the thought that had suddenly and unbidden come into her own head. It was the thought of suicide. She was thankful that no mention of that awful word had passed her lips in presence of that suffering woman, but it filled her with horror. She arose swiftly, as if to relieve the horror of the thought. She still held the old hand, and as she stopped beside Mrs. Reade, she bent and kissed her again.

"You will not desire to return there until you at least know something definite," she said, guardedly. "Won't you remain here as my guest until we can decide what is best to do? You know that my interest in Marian is almost as great as your own. She is in heart my sister."

"And you can still love her? You can—"

"Love her? Love Marian? Why, what has she done that I should not love her? Her suffering causes her to need me all the more. I don't believe Marian would ever doubt my love."

"But she is disgraced through her father."

"And because of that she needs my friendship all the more. Paul Reade has nothing to fear from me. If he had kept all the jewels, Marian's father would still have been safe."

For the first time there were tears in the eyes of Janet Reade; her lips quivered under her emotion, and she lifted the girl's hand to them and kissed it.

"You are a noble girl, Miss Gordon," she whispered brokenly.

"There is nothing commendable in the fact of my loving Marian," she said simply. "After all, the test of my affection is not great. I am ready to extend to her the hand of friendship when it is needed. It requires no sacrifice on my part, and self-sacrifice is the only test of affection."

"But you have proven that you would be capable of that as well. God bless you, dear child!"

"And you will remain with me, for the present at least?"

"So gratefully!"

"That is good. You must go over this whole thing very carefully and very minutely with me. I know that it will be painful, but we must bear that for Marian's sake. So far, we have but jumped at conclusions, and as I take it, the matter requires careful handling. But first you are coming upstairs with me to my boudoir, where you can remove your bonnet and have a couch to rest upon. And in the meantime, I shall dismiss your coupe and despatch a note."

Without calling for the assistance of a servant, she helped Mrs. Reade up the stairs; then when she had placed her comfortably on the couch, she took writing materials from the drawer and dictated a hasty note. It read:

"I need you, June. Will you come to me, dear?"

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Comfort's League of Cousins

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I am not surprised that you gather into your group of hearers some long-legged Georgian boys and girls of the not tremendously-old age of seventeen. Yes, you can find some of the sweetest and best-told tales in the pages of the Book of Books, Ruby; and probably you often tell your audiences, too, of the times when the Cherokee braves and maidens picked hawseases on the banks of the Tugalo. Write again and give us the description of yourself which you left out this time. Billy wants to know if you are as tocooa as a nacochee.

BOAZ, ALABAMA.

DEAR UNCLE LISIA:
May I come in for just a few words? I have sat back in the corner long enough and just listened to the others.

Uncle, I live in a valley between two mountains. The valley is about twelve miles long and there is a big creek in the center of the cove. I live on a farm. My daddy runs a country store and we kids make a crop every year. Uncle, I wish you and Billy could be here and rabbit hunt with me. Well, Uncle, I will give a description of myself: I am eighteen years of age; five feet, nine inches tall. Say, Uncle, what do you think about the girls? They are handsome and nice and look well enough, but my brothers make fun of me for not grabbing one of them. Well, I think a-pleaty of them, but I could not take all of them to keep. Say, Uncle, you must tell Billy not to abuse the girls about the powder-puff business. And ask him if he likes 'possum hides.

Good by to you and Billy and all the cousins, from Your nephew,
A HOPELESS KID OF ALABAMA.

I cannot find anything in your letter, Alabama Kid, to indicate why you have given up hope at such an early age. You seem to be living in a sort of happy valley where nice girls and fat rabbits are plentiful. You don't complain about crops failing or the creek in the cove running dry, and the only possible reason I can see for your state of utter hopelessness is that you have missed some grab you have made at one of those handsome Marshall County girls from Highpoint or Mountainboro. I asked Billy about the Alabama

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girls, for he told me he used to have a sort of second step-cousin on his uncle's side who once lived in Albertsville—which is not far from your happy valley. Bill said: "Of course I was only there for a short visit, Uncle Lishia; but I certainly remember seeing one girl who worked in a cannery at Guntersville—and let me tell you, Uncle, she was a real lallapalooza!" I didn't ask Bill what a "real lallapalooza" was, but I am sure from the way he spoke that it must be something well worth talking about. So if the outlook is too sad and hopeless in Boaz and up and down the cove, Alabama Kid, I think you might do well to take the train up the track to Guntersville and look up Billy's friend.

Oh, by the way, I couldn't ask Bill your question about 'possum hides. Anything like this is a sore subject with him. An aunt of his was once made into a parlor rug.

ARCOLA, MISSOURI.

DEAR UNCLE LISIA:
May I come in? This is my first visit so I won't stay long. I live on a farm two and a half miles from the small town of Arcola. I ride to school. It is sure fun and I wish some of you cousins were with me. There are several pupils who ride. We run races coming from school. Sometimes we get thrown off, but we are tuff and it don't hurt us. We have a basket ball team and don't intend to let anyone beat us. I intend to graduate from high school in two more years. We are having some cold weather here now and I am almost froze of a morning when I get to school. I spent my vacation gathering corn; I don't know when I will graduate from that. Well, I will close by letting you take a guess at my age: I am between fifteen and twenty. I would like real well to hear from some of the cousins.

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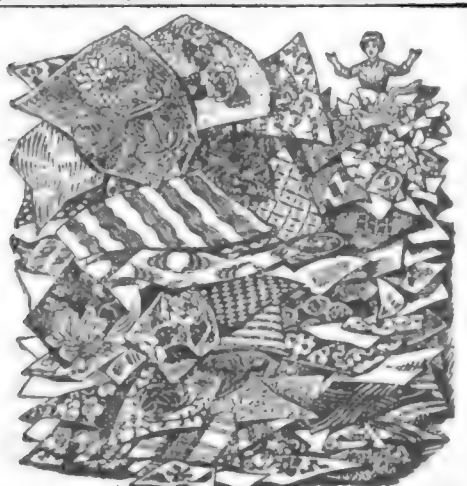
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Address The Family Doctor, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine. Sign your true name and give your address. Name will not be published.

Mrs. J. R. Louisville, Ky.—For the high blood-pressure, take a tablet of 1-100 gr. of nitroglycerine between meals. Of course, live the simple life as to food, and drink plenty of water. Avoid sweets of all kinds.

Mrs. L. D. Eads, Tenn.—"Hot flashes" and other nervous phenomena due to the menopause (change of life) are best treated by the use of ovarian substance in two-grain capsules taken morning and night for some weeks.

Mrs. E. C. Z., Taylor Ridge, Ill.—A change of climate to a higher altitude would help you and maybe cure your catarrhal condition. Spray the nose and throat with Dobell's solution and take a teaspoonful of pertussin after meals.

Mrs. J. W. W., Altus, Okla.—Your child has a form of scrofula, as you surmise. Have him take a teaspoonful of codliver oil after meals. Also paint the swollen glands with tincture of iodine once or twice a week only.

Mrs. E. C. M., Fair Play, Md.—There are no specific symptoms of tubercular infections of the stomach glands. Maybe you have an ulcer of the stomach, which is more probable.

Mrs. F. S., Wilmington, N. C.—Age and loss of flesh as well as worry will cause the skin to wrinkle about the face. Massage, proper diet, and exercise in the open, are the best remedies for the conditions mentioned.

Mrs. N. L. H., Basht, Ala.—Frequent urination is best treated by taking a five-grain tablet of urotropin after meals.

Mrs. J. P. D., Andover, Iowa.—If your druggist does not know the formula for Basham's mixture, he should go into some other business, as this mixture is one of the oldest and best iron tonics known.

Mrs. J. A. F., Camp Hill, Ala.—The electric needle is the only way to get rid of superfluous hairs without scar and permanently.

Mrs. R. G., Doe Boy, Wash.—The teeth should be cleaned after every meal. This is no fad but a hygienic proposition. Use some good tooth-paste, and also some good mouth-wash, one of the best and simplest is Dobell's solution.

Mrs. F. D., Castle, N. Y.—The best thing to do in your case is to have the gall-stones removed by operation. In the meantime you should eat, with your salad, large quantities of olive oil. You may also take a teaspoonful of phosphate of soda diluted before meals.

Mrs. K. M., Minot, N. Dak.—You are suffering from the "change of life," so called, and must bide your time. Take, in the meantime, five-grain asafetida pills after meals; keep your bowels open and free. Two-grain capsules of ovarian substance are also indicated. Take the capsules morning and night, only.

Mrs. C. H. E., Hesperia, Mich.—The actual cause of goitre has not been determined, although the latest teaching is that it is due to some form of intoxication owing to some derangement of one or more of the ductless glands. Have the child take one-grain capsule of corpus luteum morning and night for three weeks. Rest also is indicated.

Mrs. L. G. B., Jane, Ark.—Go to any good druggist and he can furnish you with the asafetida pills, if he knows anything about drugs at all. He can also compound Basham's mixture for the same reason.

Mrs. C. S., Meredith, Mont.—For the excessive nose-bleed, consult some good nose specialist and have the blood-vessel cauterized. You might also take ten drops of tincture of chloride of iron after meals, well diluted, as a tonic.

Mrs. E. A. T., Dove Creek, Colo.—If you have persistent pain due to gall-stones, you better have an operation at once and the stones removed. Delay is dangerous. Diet had to do with the formation of the stones originally, plus poor drinking water; but now it is too late for any remedy to be of any value to you.

Mrs. M. E. H., Jacksonville, Ark.—For the constipation, continue the yeast drink plenty of water, avoid white bread—eat only graham bread of whole-wheat bread mixed with bran. You may also take a tablespoonful of American Oil with your meals. Exercise in the open also and massage the abdomen along the lines of the colon.

Mrs. H. L., Chalk Butte, Mont.—Take fluid extract of cascara sagrada two or three times a day in teaspoonful doses, for your chronic constipation. Also after meals take a tablespoonful of American Oil. Avoid white bread at all times and eat graham bread or bran bread, only.

Mrs. J. W. T., Grapeland, Texas.—For your chronic rheumatism, take five-grain tablets of salicylate of sodium after meals. Avoid sweets and pastries of all kinds and drink plenty of water.

Mrs. R. W. C., Cid, N. C.—You can get Basham's mixture at any good, or even average, drug store. The drug cannot be sent to any address. It should be prepared fresh.

Mrs. M. M., North McAlester, Okla.—If your local druggist does not have powdered ox-gall have him send to any large city and get it for you.

Mrs. G. A. H., St. Joseph, Mo.—The "bump on nose" is probably due to a retention of sebaceous matter in one of the sweat glands. Have the gland opened and the mass cured. Use Dobell's solution as a gargle.

Mrs. D. A. S., Ticonderoga, N. Y.—Probably inside work may have something to do with your dizzy spells. You should exercise in the open, when possible, avoid sweets, drink plenty of water and have your ears and throat examined by some specialist to see if there is any local cause that would explain your vertigo.

Mrs. F. L., Little Genesee, N. Y.—Ten-grain tablets of bicarbonate of soda taken after meals will help the uric acid condition. You cannot and should not nurse your baby during pregnancy, because you have not the vitality and your milk will not have sufficient nourishment for the child or baby. Lime-water is good used in the way you mention.

Mrs. E. W., Manitowac, Wis.—Operation is the best remedy for your peritonitis, if due to an inflamed appendix.

Mrs. M. L., Dennison, Texas.—For your nervousness, sleeplessness and nervous dyspepsia, the one best remedy is a 10-grain pill of asafetida. Take these pills four or five times a day. You probably have diseased tonsils and adenoids also. Have the tonsils removed, also the adenoids, and use as a gargle Dobell's solution undiluted.

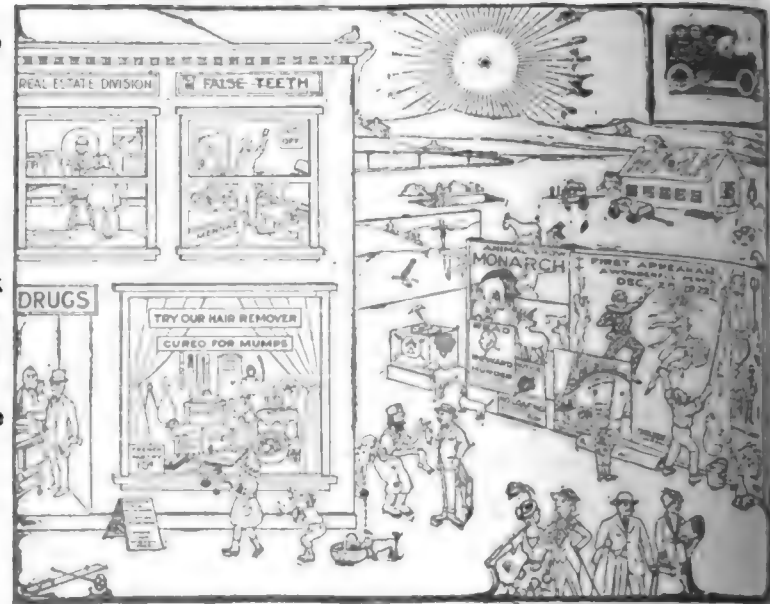
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Mrs. A. H., Chicago, Ill.—Leucorrhea can best be cured by using a douche of normal salt solution daily. Use very hot.

Mrs. E. E. J., Texarkana, Texas.—Better wean the baby at once, if you are satisfied as to your condition as to pregnancy. Take, for nervousness, a 10-grain pill of asafetida three times a day.

Mrs. W. D. H., Campbell, N. Y.—Yeast-cakes are good for you and can be taken indefinitely with benefit. Your shortness of breath is due probably to gas forming in the stomach and intestines. The yeast will help this condition. Urotropin tablets are practically non-injurious, but should not be taken for too long a period.

Mrs. A. E. L., South Range, Mo.—"Lemon receipt" for reducing weight is not proper treatment in any case. Better try the skim-milk diet so often referred to in COMFORT. Use a quart of skim-milk in divided doses on alternate days for food and drink; and, on the other days, avoid starchy foods and lead the simple life. Exercise also daily in moderation.

Mrs. C. A., Stamford, Conn.—Bunions are caused, as you know, by wearing improper shoes. Have your shoes made to order and sufficient room made to relieve any pressure on the great toe. If the bunion is very painful and very large, have it operated on and the joint straightened out. The latter is your only hope so far as cure is concerned.

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in drills a foot apart in early spring and till and weed carefully, as the tiny asparagus plants are frail at first and cannot compete with weeds for food or sunlight. By early summer they will be big enough to thin out. Thin out, leaving a plant every three inches, but favor the strongest plants even if the three-inch rule must be stretched a bit to permit it. No further handling, aside from careful cultivation, is needed throughout the remainder of the first season's growth, though some truck gardeners do find it advantageous to mark with small stakes the best and strongest plants late in the fall. In this way the best roots can be singled out for transplanting in the spring; unless marked in some way, it is difficult to tell the strong from the weak after the tops have died down, though an expert can judge closely from examination of the roots.

We have spoken of the right kind of soil and the early tilling required for the asparagus bed. We might add that it is best to locate the bed at one side or end of the garden where it will be out of the way, as it is a fixture—a permanent bed which with good care will last for years. Therefore do not plant asparagus where they will be in the way.

Plow or dig furrows or trenches about ten inches deep and four feet apart. For this operation the common double or "two-way" plow will be found very serviceable. Planting should be done as soon as the ground has warmed up in spring. Set roots two feet apart in the rows and cover with only a couple of inches of soil at first. Gradually, as the season advances, fill in the trench slightly with each cultivation until level with the ground surface. To cover roots too deeply at the start is almost certain to result disastrously; therefore the suggestion to plant in trenches and fill in little by little until covered to a depth of six or seven inches.

As asparagus should have at least one year, better two, until it is cropped, the space between the rows may be utilized for such crops as cabbage, peas, beans, lettuce or most any other kind of small-growing garden truck that requires cultivation frequently. In this manner the asparagus bed is made to pay its way until it comes into bearing and the care and attention given the companion crop will also serve for the asparagus. This plan we suggest of two ways of "killing two birds with one stone" will, we feel sure, be well received by the farmer or farmer's wife who have only a limited space allotted for the kitchen garden, and who, therefore, must make every bit of ground work all the time.

In another issue we will discuss harvesting, winter care, insect pests and common alfalfa diseases.

Bean Weevils

Housewives often exclaim with extreme disgust and dismay, "Those pesky bugs have got into my beans again," on opening some supposedly "bug-tight" container of beans put away for winter use. The truth of the matter is that the tiny white grubs or larvae of bean weevils, present in the beans at harvest time, have matured and now appear as the full-grown though tiny insect. Moreover, unless hindered in some way, eggs will be laid and a new brood of worms hatched to feed on the stored beans. We have known cases where, left undisturbed, these pests quickly reduced a large crock full of beans to a dirty mass of chaff.

Though the bean weevil is a very small and insignificant insect, he makes up in numbers what he lacks in size, and the damage he does each year runs into large figures. They have been the chief factor in discouraging commercial production of field beans south of New York except in the upland districts. Their ravages have compelled farmers throughout the entire coastal region of the Middle Atlantic States to discontinue the production of this valuable food crop on an extensive commercial scale. Likewise the cowpea weevil, a first cousin of the bean weevil, is the worst pest of the cowpea seed; this pest has curtailed to a marked extent the use of this excellent soil-building crop in Southern States. Other members of this disputable family are the pea weevil, four-spotted bean weevil, broad-bean weevil, lentil weevil and Mexican bean weevil. As they are all more or less alike in habits, and as preventive measures for one will do for all, we will discuss the bean weevil only.

Life History of Weevil

A common error on the part of farmers is that once the crop is harvested, threshed and stored for winter use there is no further danger of damage from insect pests. This is not the case, as those who have found even sealed jars of beans crawling with the pests will bear out. That these tiny insects hatch or develop from the germ of the seed is a current but erroneous belief held by many, a belief which a true knowledge of the life history of the insect will not bear out.

The female weevil, which has migrated to the field from some storehouse where infested beans have been stored, or which has hibernated in the field in seed scattered last harvest-time, lays her tiny—almost invisible—whitish eggs on the newly-forming pods at about the time the blossoms are falling off. Eggs hatch into an equally tiny worm or grub which penetrates the skin of the bean, leaving so slight trace of the point of entry that it cannot be noticed without the aid of a magnifying glass. This explains the reason why apparently sound beans will in time "let out the truth" in the shape of the mature bean weevil.

Weevil grubs mature much more slowly than do the beans in which they live. By harvest time they have made about one-fourth of their growth and have damaged the bean so little that it will pass for sound in both weight and appearance. In storage, development continues steadily unless the temperature of the storage place falls to around 34 degrees, when the larva lie dormant. Stored in a warm place, weevils will usually liberate the mature insects about midwinter. As we have mentioned before, if not taken in hand at this time another generation will soon be developed from a new "crop" of eggs. (This is not true of the common pea weevil, however, as it can reproduce only on the growing crop.)

Indications of Presence

At harvest time only an expert can determine whether or not weevil grubs are present in beans, though the microscopic worms could be seen if the beans were opened and examined closely with a magnifying glass, a procedure both unlikely and tedious, and one which would not appeal to the farmer. Later in the fall and early winter, as grubs grow, develop and reach full maturity and the time for them to transform from the grub or larval stage to the adult or mature insect approaches, they change from pale white to a muddy bluish tint. Lying just beneath the skin in the dormant or pupa stage, they cause bluish-black spots to appear on the beans. These spots, which can readily be seen with the naked eye, are a certain indication that weevils are in the beans, a fact which will be borne out in a week or two by the emergence of "those pesky bugs."

Prevention and Control

Clean culture and clean seed will go far to control weevils if practiced consistently throughout an entire neighborhood. If not, the insects, which are winged, will migrate for considerable distances to locate a bean field and lay their eggs. Harvest and thresh as soon as possible in the fall to prevent emergence of early-maturing insects which will remain in the field over winter to infest a new crop next spring. Never leave over-looked vines, scattered pods and seed lying in the field; destroy everything that could possibly house the few insects necessary to perpetuate the unde-

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Fumigation, Heating, Etc.

Perhaps the commonest and most satisfactory method of killing the larvae of bean weevils in beans is to treat with carbon disulphide. This is done by placing beans in some airtight container such as a barrel or washboiler, then fumigating with this liquid at the rate of from three to eight pounds to each 1,000 cubic feet of space. For ordinary farm purposes fill the barrel to within two or three inches of the top, then pour over the beans half a cup of carbon disulphide. Tie two thicknesses of heavy wrapping paper over top of barrel to keep the fumes from escaping, and leave for from one to two days. Keep temperature of room at around 75 degrees; under 60 degrees this remedy is not effective. Carbon disulphide costs from eight to 25 cents, depending on the quantities purchased, and is for sale at any drug store. Caution: Keep away from flame! It will burn or explode like high-test gasoline.

Many housewives use heat to kill weevil grubs with good results. They place beans in a large flat pan and put in the oven for several hours. A temperature of between 120 and 145 degrees is needed to do the work. For home use this works quite well but for use as seed it is a question if the temperature can be controlled so as not to injure the germination of seed. Immersing in hot water for one minute, then drying immediately by spreading thinly on a clean floor, is another household method.

Beans are often stored commercially at a temperature ranging from 32 to 34 degrees; at these temperatures weevils are not killed, but they lie dormant and do not develop into mature insects. They will immediately resume development when placed under more ideal conditions, and will withstand cold for more than a year before being killed. Stored in this manner, germination of seed is not impaired if dampness is avoided. Moist air is highly injurious to the quality and germination of beans, and favors the development of molds.

"Hubam" Still Unproved

"Hubam," the much-discussed new annual clover, is so new that very little is yet known regarding its merits as a forage crop. Certain authorities have boosted it as being superior to the biennial strains of sweet clover. It has been claimed by some that, when seeded with grain in the spring, it will make a growth of from three to eight feet after the grain has been harvested. This claim may be justified in very favorable years under extremely favorable climatic conditions. Many other claims equally remarkable have been made but proof has not been obtainable.

With reference to the statement that "Hubam" seed has been sold for from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per pound, Prof. G. B. Mortimer, of the agronomy department of the Wisconsin College of Agriculture, says: "The seed of Hubam is not worth \$5 a pound, nor is it worth 50 cents a pound, because it is practically untried and its merits unproved. No authoritative tests concerning its value as a forage crop have as yet been carried to completion."

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"Hubam is a rapidly growing plant and may be of some value as an emergency hay crop, as a green manure crop or as a source of fall pasture. It can be planted in the spring after the regular hay crop is known to have winter killed and a crop of hay obtained the following fall. If it withstands dry summer weather and does not become woody, it still has the disadvantage of unfavorable weather in haying time which usually comes during fall rains. From our observations a good crop of hay in good condition would be difficult to produce. Further experiments will have to be carried on to make certain, however."

Care of Farrowing Sow

"Successful hog breeders have learned by experience that the three days covering farrowing time and the period just after are their harvest season, and that the results obtained then make for either success or failure," says Prof. J. H. Sheppard, of the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station. At heart a lover of good livestock, and an active participant in livestock improvement during the past twenty years or more, Prof. Sheppard is in a position to offer valuable suggestions not only suited to the wheat belt of the Northwest but for the country at large. The following "do's" and "don'ts" are based on his hints to hog men:

1. Use good sires. Remember that to get good pigs you must begin with the grandparents. Poor sires mean poor pigs—and paltry returns. Begin right.
2. Get acquainted with your sows before far-

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Ladies Wrist Watch

With Silk Ribbon
Bracelet



For A
Club Of
Only Ten

WE have long searched the market for a suitable wrist watch for our girl readers and at last we have found it.

The above illustration really fails to do the watch justice. We know you will instantly fall in love with it. It is the popular octagon shape, only 5-16 of an inch thick and one inch in diameter. It has a high-grade jeweled Swiss movement and will keep accurate time. The dial is pure white with Arabic numerals. The bracelet is made of the finest black silk ribbon with a genuine rolled-gold catch and slide.

If you want a dainty, stylish, up-to-date wrist watch that you will be proud to show your friends, here is your opportunity to secure one absolutely free. You can easily secure the small club mentioned below and as soon as you have done so this beautiful wrist watch is yours without one cent of cost.

Given To You! For a club of only ten one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50c each we will send you this fine wrist watch with ribbon bracelet exactly as described above, absolutely free by parcel post, prepaid. Reward No. 75110. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Genuine
Gold
Filled



Guaranteed
For
5 Years



AUGUST



JANUARY

Gold Birthstone Rings

THE most popular ladies' rings worn today are these beautiful birthstone rings. Not only is it considered lucky to wear one of them but they are now and always will be exceedingly stylish. We are able to illustrate only three of the rings but there are twelve in all—a different stone for each month of the year, and of course you should wear the stone that is symbolical of the month you were born. The following is a list of the twelve rings, names of the stones and the month to which they apply:

No. 8411, January, Garnet. No. 8421, February, Amethyst. No. 8431, March, Bloodstone. No. 8441, April, Diamond. No. 8451, May, Emerald. No. 8461, June, Agate. No. 8471, July, Ruby. No. 8481, August, Sardonyx. No. 8491, September, Sapphire. No. 8501, October, Opal. No. 8511, November, Topaz. No. 8521, December, Turquoise.

Each ring is guaranteed genuine gold filled, which looks exactly like solid gold and will wear for years. In fact we absolutely guarantee each ring for at least five years. The rings themselves are perfectly plain, the stones are solitaires and perfect imitations of the real gems. The setting of each ring is the ever popular "Tiffany" style. As a Christmas, Birthday or all-the-year-round gift for wife, mother, sweetheart or sister, nothing could be more appropriate and acceptable than one of these beautiful guaranteed rings set with the birthstone of the person to whom it is given. We will send you one of these rings free upon the terms of the following offer:

Given To You! For one one-year subscription (not your own) to COMFORT at 50 cents we will send you one of these beautiful gold-filled rings by parcel post, prepaid. Please be sure to give size and number of ring wanted. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Sugar, Creamer And Tray



MADE of "crushed" silver—the very latest idea. Sugar, Creamer and Tray are full standard size. The Tray is quadruple silver plated and both Sugar and Creamer are quadruple silver plated outside and gold lined inside. A very useful set and a beautiful ornament for the dining table or sideboard.

CLUB OFFER. We will send you this Crushed Silver Set free and prepaid for four one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each. Reward No. 7904. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

SELF-FILLING Fountain Pen

For A Club Of Three

HERE is a fountain pen that we can positively guarantee. Perhaps you have had some experience with fountain pens which never would write well and continually leaked ink all over your fingers. If so you will certainly appreciate this opportunity to secure a fountain pen that has none of these defects. Our illustration is of course greatly reduced in size. The pen offered you here is 6½ inches long, made entirely of hard rubber, finely finished, and the pen point is genuine 14-K gold. The feeding device is perfect, permitting a uniform flow of ink and it will not leak. Also please notice that this is a self-filling pen. You can fill this fountain pen in less than 10 seconds by pressing down the spring on the side, then placing the pen point in a bottle of ink, after which you release the spring and the pen is instantly filled with ink to its full capacity. If given proper care this pen should last anybody for years. If you will accept the following special offer we will send you one of these self-filling fountain pens with a positive guarantee that if it fails to prove satisfactory in any way you may return it to us and we will replace it with a new pen free of charge.

Club Offer. For a club of only three one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each, we will send you this guaranteed self-filling fountain pen free by parcel post prepaid. Reward No. 8573. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.



Five One-Year Old ROSE BUSHES

HERE is the offer you have been waiting for—our new 1922 offer of beautiful Rose bushes free to all COMFORT readers. This year we shall give you what we believe to be five of the finest varieties yet produced. They come from the most famous rose grower in the United States—an expert who has done nothing but cultivate roses all his life. Each bush is one year old and in a growing condition when delivered to you. No matter where you live, you will receive the bushes at the proper time to plant in your locality. We guarantee that they will reach you in perfect condition. If they do not, or if any of the bushes fail to grow, we will replace them for you free of all cost. Following is a brief description of each of the five different varieties. Please read carefully—and send in your order today.

For One Subscription You Get These Five Prize Beauties!

Alexander Hill Grey A magnificent giant yellow rose, standing head and shoulders above all others of its color, ranking with the American Beauty and the Killarney in value and grandeur. The color is a deep golden yellow with the edge of the petals a little lighter.

Columbia A very large Rose, the open flower measuring six inches across. The color is a true pink, deepening as it opens to a glowing pink. The shades become more and more intense until the full maturity of the flower is reached, and this color is enduring.

Lady Gay One of the most wonderful of all climbing roses, noted for its sweet and lasting fragrance and immense clusters of double, light pink blossoms—as many as thirty to forty in a single cluster. It has none of the defects of the Rambler but remains free from disease in all climates.

Eugene E. Marlitt One of the finest garden roses, healthy, vigorous and free blooming. The flowers are large and very double and of a rich bright carmine with scarlet tones which do not fade in the hottest weather. It is very hardy, fragrant and keeps up a close succession of bloom.

Bessie Brown A splendid new rose introduced here from Europe and beautiful beyond comparison. It bears large, full, double blossoms on strong, erect stems, is very hardy and fragrant, blooming profusely all through the summer. The color is almost pure white, flushed with pink.

Our Free Offer For only one one-year subscription (not your own) to COMFORT at 50c we will send you the above described five Rose Bushes, free by parcel post prepaid. They will be forwarded to you at the proper time for planting in your locality and we guarantee they will reach you in perfect condition. Reward No. 8861.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine



What A Beautiful Life-Like Doll For Some Little Girl In Your Home!

Won't She Fairly Shout With Joy When She Finds This Big, Handsome, Sleeping Dolly Is All Her Own!

YES, we will send this big lifelike Doll to any little girl whose Papa, Mama, brother or sister will send in a club of only six one-year subscriptions to COMFORT. Not since before the war have we been able to offer such an expensive Doll. No city store will show a larger or handsomer Doll this season at anywhere near the price we paid for this one. We bought five thousand of them in one lot direct from the factory—that is how we secured them so cheaply. And just think—a club of only six subscriptions to COMFORT brings this beautiful Doll right to your door—yours to have and to own without one cent of expense. What a delightful surprise for some little tot in your home!

She Can Open And Close Her Eyes. She Has Imitation Teeth, Long Golden Hair And Wears A Pretty Dress With Real Stockings And Slippers.

NOW let us tell you more about this Doll. She stands nearly a foot and a half tall. The body, arms and legs are made by a new improved process which renders them practically indestructible. The head is unbreakable and head, arms and legs are movable. And if you could only see her hair. It is a light golden color, thick, long and luxuriant, falling far below her waist. Her eyes are as blue as the sky and she can open and shut them and go to sleep like a real baby whenever you want her to. Her rosy lips are parted in a winsome smile showing her pretty white teeth in a truly lifelike manner.

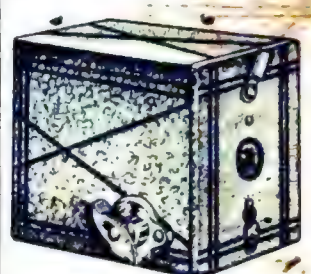
She is fully dressed from head to feet in the latest style with cute short sleeves, handsome figured lace trimmed waist and short pleated skirt and she wears real stockings and slippers with silveroid buckles. You can undress and dress this Doll as often as you please and you can take off her stockings and slippers and put them on again just as you do your own. Fathers and Mothers—just look at this beautiful Doll as she stands smiling and waiting for someone to pick her up, hug her and kiss her and take her out to play. Don't you think your little girl would just love to have her for her very own? Of course she would—and you should take advantage of this offer at once. Remember we have but five thousand of these Dolls on hand and when they are gone this offer will be withdrawn.

FOR A CLUB OF ONLY SIX!

YOU can surely find six neighbors and friends who will be glad to subscribe to COMFORT at the present bargain rate of 50 cents a year. Send us their names and addresses and the money collected (\$3.00 in all) and we will send you this big, beautiful Sleeping Doll, fully dressed and otherwise exactly as described above, packed in



Nearly
One Foot
And A
Half
Tall



Premo Camera

Model No. 7944
Films And
Instruction
Book Free

THIS is not a toy but a genuine "Premo" camera, made by the Eastman Kodak Co., therefore you can depend upon it to produce the most pleasing and satisfactory results. It takes a picture 1½ by 1½ inches, is fitted with the best quality Meniscus lens and an automatic shutter adapted for snapshots and time exposures. The pictures may be taken either the long way or the short way of the camera. It uses the popular roll film cartridge containing six exposures, and this may be put in the camera and taken out again in broad daylight, so that you don't have to go into a dark room every time you want to load the camera. Anybody can make good pictures with this camera. Being small and compact, it is just the thing to carry with you in "snap" pictures of your friends, sports, etc., and remember, we send you not only the camera itself but also include One Six Exposure Roll Film Cartridge and Instruction Book, all packed together in a strong box and sent to you Free by Parcel Post, prepaid, on the terms of the following special offer.

Given To You! For a club of four one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each, we will send you by parcel post, prepaid, this Premo Camera with one Roll Film Cartridge containing six exposures and complete Instruction Book. Reward No. 7944. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.



Shaggy Teddy Bear

EVERY little boy and girl wants a Teddy Bear and here is an opportunity for every father or mother who reads COMFORT to get one without expense. "Teddy" is a plump, shaggy fellow, 10 inches tall, made of brown plush, carefully stitched and hand sewn and his head and legs are jointed in such a manner that you can place him in almost any position. He will stand up, sit down, stand on his head, walk on all fours, and he will even himself into all kinds of positions, so comical and lifelike that it makes the children scream with delight just to look at him. Teddy is so well made that he cannot easily become broken, and with ordinary care should last for years. We will send you Teddy free if you will accept the following special offer:

Given To You! For two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each we will send you this Teddy Bear free and prepaid. Reward No. 9992. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Two Turkish Towels

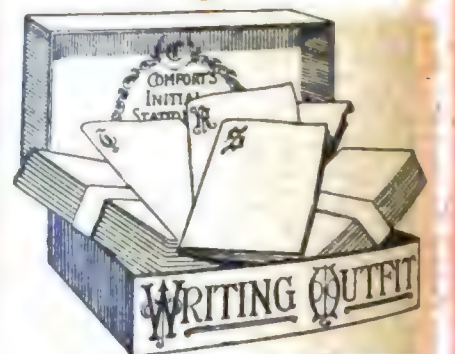


Good Size
Soft And
Fleecy

AFTER bathing there is nothing quite as nice as a good rub down with a Turkish towel, in fact it is the best towel for all purposes, whether for the bathroom, guestroom or everyday family use. They absorb the water, and are ready to use over towels and the soft fleecy-like surface imparts to the body a delightful feeling of warmth and well-being. They are also the best for baby's toilet as they will not hurt the tender skin. The towels offered here are 18 inches wide and 38 inches long which is a good convenient size for all-round family use, and are of good weight, well made and finished. We will make you a present of two of these towels upon the terms of the following offer:

Given To You! For two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each we will send you one pair (2) of these fine Turkish Towels free by parcel post, prepaid. Reward No. 9912. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

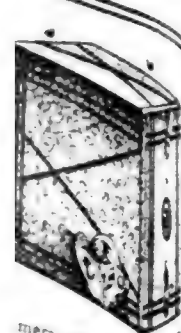
Box Of Initial Stationery



Latest Style Monogram

It is now the height of fashion and evidence of the very best taste to use stationery with your own monogram initial or "crest" on it. In this offer we give you two dozen sheets white heavy stationery 10½ x 6½ inches in size, each sheet beautifully embossed in colors with any monogram initial you desire and two dozen envelopes. Just think how nice it will be when writing to your friends to have your own letter crest monogram initial embossed in colors on this high-grade fine quality stationery. Remember you get one full quire of choice paper and twenty-four envelopes in this complete writer's outfit. Don't hesitate to send for this premium today because you will surely be delighted with it.

Given To You! For two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each we will send you a box of this Initial Stationery free by parcel post, prepaid. When ordering be sure to specify what monogram initial you want. Reward No. 9482. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.



Comfort's Information Bureau

Under this heading all questions by COMFORT subscribers on subjects not related to the special departments elsewhere in the paper will be answered, as far as may be. COMFORT readers are advised to read carefully the advertisements in this paper, as they will often find in them what they seek through their questions addressed to this Bureau. They will thus save time, labor and postage.

No attention will be given any inquiry which lacks the sender's full name and address but we will print only initials if so requested.

A. S. S. Cherryvale, Kans.—The terms of your inquiry are not entirely clear and they are also, we believe, slightly misstated. Your "100 pounds of compressed air" we take to mean an air under 100 pounds compression. To gauge the increase of this compression under various heightened temperatures, it would be necessary to take some certain degree of temperature as a starting point from which the problem could be worked and the increase in pressure found. For the purpose of our answer, we are assuming that the original 100-pound compression takes place in ordinary indoor temperature of 68 degrees Fahrenheit—which equals 20 degrees Centigrade scale. Starting with this assumption, the mathematical rules governing such calculations give us the following results: At a temperature of 200 degrees Fahrenheit, the compression of the 100 pounds at 68 degrees would have increased to 125 pounds. At a temperature of 300 degrees Fahrenheit, this pressure would become that of 143.9 pounds.

H. S. Beaver Dam, Va.—Fame is of little value if there is yet one part of the United States where Henry Ford and his home address are not as well known as the thousands of gasoline chariots he has set rambling over every road of our country. You may write to Mr. Ford at Detroit, Michigan—where we assure you he is sufficiently well known that a letter will reach him without further address than this.

Mrs. S. S. Barker, Texas.—After the death of a testator, the will is often read aloud as a matter of courtesy and convenience to the assembled heirs, but there is no law requiring such a public reading. It often necessarily occurs that one or more heirs cannot be present at such a reading, and these or other heirs can always obtain a copy of the will by application to the Surrogate's office or Probate Court where the document has been offered for probate. You should take steps to procure a copy of your brother's will from the address in Kansas where his last wishes were legally registered. Any local attorney will give you the necessary simple instructions how to go about this.

R. N. S. Pagosa Springs, Colo.—Land which has been made a part of the U. S. National Forest Reserve we believe to be no longer available for homesteading. Any land adjoining your present holdings which is part of a National Forest would be necessarily under the direct jurisdiction of a local Forest Supervisor. This official would be able to inform you authoritatively of the Federal laws governing the matter. If you are not satisfied with his statement of the case, you and your fellow homesteaders should ask aid and information from your Congressman or from the Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. C. S. Port Washington, Ohio.—Some gentlemen who control mining corporations find it more profitable and easy to sell nicely-engraved share certificates than to attempt the laborious obtaining of ore from land which may not be as richly allied with gold, silver or copper as the companies' promises and prospectuses might make investors believe. We very much fear the company you mention is one of this sort and management and that your investment in it must be considered a total loss. If so, be more cautious in the future regarding the placing of funds in far-off concerns regarding whose holdings and management you know nothing more than that you have sold your shares. One Liberty Bond in the hand is worth any number of fly-by-night copper companies in the bush—and a disappearing bush at that. To find out what has become of this company since 1908, write to the editor of the "Verde Copper News," Jerome, Arizona. Enclose a stamp for reply and state that you are a stockholder seeking to discover the present status of this corporation.

M. A. S. Van Buren, Ark.—Your silver half dime of 1857 is worth perhaps seven cents, in due condition. Otherwise it would possess only the value of the modern silver piece. Your silver three-cent piece of 1869 is valued at from twenty to forty cents, according to condition; and a copper two-cent coin of 1865 can be sold at a price ranging between fifteen and forty-five cents. For the benefit of the many COMFORT readers who write to this department regarding old coins, we state here that a coin, no matter how rare it may be, can never be marketed for more than its face value unless it is in fairly good condition, with date and other mint markings in plain and little-worn state. Coins that have worn smooth and have dates almost indistinguishable are not purchased by collectors. This would make the copper cent, and also the foreign coin you describe, of no worth save that of their face or bullion value. Confederate paper money is of no value except the small amount that might be paid for it as a curiosity—and these relics of the Civil War are not rare enough to rank high as curiosities—there being large quantities of Confederate currency yet in existence.

Mrs. E. G. Shell Creek, Tenn.—Your daughter's unfortunate weakness in her left hand and arm would not prevent her capably following the occupation of book-keeper or cashier, and we believe she might very sensibly take up some commercial course at a high school or business college which would fit her to assume an official position. Both Nashville or Knoxville in your state contain institutions of the sort which might instruct your daughter so she could be self-supporting in the business world.

QUESTIONER, Mt. Vernon, Ill.—A "coloratura soprano" would be one who rendered her songs with many trills and much florid vocal ornamentation. It is a manner of singing requiring training and consists of scaling single syllables so that they are sung in two or more tones. A good canary is a natural artist in coloratura vocal work.

E. G., North Baltimore, Ohio.—For your ink-stained duck, moisten the place of the stain with hot water and then apply a finely-powdered mixture consisting of equal parts of cream of tartar and citric acid. This mixture constitutes what druggists often call "salts of lemon." The powder is best applied to the stain with the bowl of a spoon and well rubbed in. Rinse thoroughly in clean water. Another remover of ink stains is a liquid composed of one part oxalic acid to two parts water. The use of this acid, however, is apt to injure the strength of the fabric.

Mrs. J. W. H. Martha, Tenn.—We list the various geographical names you send us, together with the states in which they may be found: Yankton, S. D.; Owensboro, Mich.; Havre de Grace, Md.; Greenville, Miss.; Streator, Ill.; Olean, N. Y.; Evansville, Ind.; Weehawken, N. J.; Canandaigua, N. Y.; Pamlico Sound and Cape Hatteras are both features of the coast of North Carolina. The Ozark Mountains of these range and beautiful highlands extend into Arkansas. (2) In relation to state Civil Service positions, you should address the Civil Service Commission at the Federal Civil Service should be sought from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. You failed to state what particular position you were seeking to secure.

M. H., Cataldo, Idaho.—A Lincoln penny of the date of 1900 is worth exactly one cent.

M. A. V., Montville, N. J.—March 20, 1904, fell upon a Sunday.

A. E. P., Missouri.—The cabinet of President Harding is as follows at this writing: Secretary of State, Charles E. Hughes of New York; Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon of Pennsylvania; Secretary of War, John W. Weeks of Massachusetts; Secretary of the Navy, Edwin Denby of Michigan; Secre-

tary of the Interior, Albert B. Fall of New Mexico; Secretary of Commerce, Herbert Hoover of California; Secretary of Labor, J. J. Davis of Indiana; Secretary of Agriculture, H. C. Wallace of Iowa; Attorney General, H. M. Daugherty of Ohio; Postmaster General, Will H. Hays of Indiana. The two U. S. Senators from Missouri are: James A. Reed of Kansas City and Seiden P. Spencer of St. Louis. Mr. Reed is a Democrat and Mr. Spencer a Republican.



Talks with Girls

Conducted by Cousin Marion

In writing this department always sign your true name and give your address; if not, your letter will receive no attention. Name will not be published.

LAST month, in speaking of New Year resolutions, I suggested that we take twelve of our greatest faults, one for each month of the year, and overcome them, one at a time. Then I deliberately side-stepped telling you about my faults, and, any way, I wasn't sure which was my worst. After due consideration of the matter, I've decided that procrastination is the worst thing I do—or don't do—since to procrastinate means to put off until tomorrow, or from day to day. Much as I've tried to overcome the terrible habit, it nearly got the best of me this month, for I kept putting off answering your letters until it was almost too late. Wouldn't that have been a dreadful thing? I'd never have forgiven myself, never, if it had really happened. Remember, never put off until tomorrow what you can do today, though the average girl's idea of that wise old saying must be something like this: "Never, take off tomorrow what you can take off today." But I'm sure my girls aren't like that.

DISAPPOINTED ERMA, Va.—It is only natural that your husband should want to be with his mother, but at the same time you and your baby have certain rights and you should be protected, as well as his mother, by his life insurance. You say you "let him have his own way and do as he tells me." Maybe he needs a little wholesome opposition. Why not visit your mother or relatives for a while and give him a chance to miss you?

LEO, Mass.—Third cousins, I believe.

SUNSHINE, W. Va.—It seems to me if I were a girl of nineteen and had assisted in the care and general upbringing of eight younger brothers and sisters, I'd want a vacation before marrying and committing myself to the care of a home and possibly more babies. You show good judgment in wanting to wait until you finish school. After that, may you choose wisely and well and live happily ever after, and the chances for happiness are greater with someone you love rather than with a man you do not care for but whom your parents wish you to marry.

MABEL, Ohio.—It isn't best to believe tales that are told you, but the fact that he had been seen with another girl during your absence doesn't necessarily mean that he had been in the least untrue to you. It may have been quite accidental and innocent. On the other hand, if he wanted very much to see you it seems that he could find a way even if he does live in another town and doesn't know when you are to be at home. It might be as well for you to let him make the first advances unless you find that you were wrong in the beginning.

BLUE EYES, North Carolina.—Goodness me, child, I didn't mean to intimate that I was a good cook or housekeeper but just the average, though I'm tickled pink to be of help when I can. If your candy "sugars" I should say it is because you cook it too long or beat it too much after you remove it from the fire. This is my recipe for plain chocolate fudge: Two cups of sugar, two-thirds cup of milk (part cream if not too expensive), heat to boiling point, add two squares of chocolate and stir until melting. Boil until it will form a soft ball when dropped in cold water, probably ten minutes, add one tablespoon of butter just before removing from fire. Beat well, add a teaspoon of vanilla when it cools a little, and keep on beating until creamy or mixture begins to harden a very little around edge of dish. Pour into buttered tin, etc. When I want some very special candy I make Divinity Fudge. Here's how: Two cups of sugar, one-half cup corn syrup and one-half cup water. Boil four or five minutes or until it will "thread" when dropped from tip of spoon. Have ready some chopped nuts and the stiffly-beaten whites of two eggs. Pour the boiling syrup onto the whites of the eggs, beating all the while, with egg beater at first and spoon when mixture gets too heavy and thick for beater. Flavor with vanilla and add nuts. At first signs of thickening or hardening, pour it into buttered tins. Maybe this isn't according to Mary Elizabeth, but if you like it I shall be content.

TROUBLED OF MISSISSIPPI.—Didn't you ever hear of little "Orphan Annie" who said that the "goblin" was will get you if you don't watch out? Well, goblins aren't in it compared with married men who give girls jewelry and take them on automobile rides, so you better "watch out." To tell the truth, I think you'd be much safer with an ordinary everyday goblin than a married man such as you describe. Even a wicked goblin would be honest in his dealing. At any rate, he wouldn't start in telling you that his wife didn't "understand" him, and I feel safe in saying that's just what your married man did. Fact is, the wives understand them only too well, and no man that isn't straight likes to be understood. It makes him rather ashamed, and to bolster up his self-conceit he tries to make some young girl think she is in love with him. Honest now, don't you think it would have been more to his credit if he had bought shoes for his children instead of spending his money for jewelry for you? Of course the dear little things need more than shoes, little shirts and things like that, but shoes always make a hit in a literary and poetical sense, and if cleverer people than I say shoes, then I'll say the same, but I still insist that they need other things as well. From all this I trust you're gathered that I don't approve of your behavior, and if you really want my advice (else why did you waste a perfectly good two-cent stamp—it's all marked up now) you'll have nothing more to do with him only to tell him that you wouldn't want him for a husband, for history might repeat itself, and, furthermore, you want to respect the man you marry, and he hasn't shown himself worthy of respect. In one way you haven't either, but it was through ignorance, and can be overlooked.

CONSTANCE, Utah.—Cheer up, Constance. Folks who are so shy and hard to get acquainted with generally "wear well" once they make friends. That is better than being able to talk easily to everyone and then have them forget you the next day.

GUY, Ky.—Bless your heart, Guy, I had no intention of scolding. You aren't the first boy of seventeen (and eighteen and nineteen), as well as older men, to confess your love to me—for some other girl, I mean, always for some other girl. Some of them were even more serious and hopeless than you are, but to date there have been no fatalities. They either forgot the object of their seventeen-year-old devotion or else married them later and then forgot them—no, I mean married them and lived happily ever after. Most cases, though, they married someone else. The only help I can give you is to be so loyal and devoted that she cannot help but realize that you love her, or else neglect her a little and see if that makes any difference.

PRUDENCE, Tenn.—Your grandmother seems to be a determined old lady, and if she says you can't see or correspond with the young man I don't see how I can change her mind. He might try making love to Grandma in a nice, attentive, grandson manner, and win her approval that way. Most women are susceptible to flattery, no matter what age. Or he might rescue her from some terrible fate. Too bad granny hasn't a still up in the mountains; then he could warn her of the approach of the revenue officers and thus win her everlasting gratitude and her granddaughter as well. Perhaps it is just as well, though, for in the case he might decide he'd rather have the grandmother.

TAMMIE CHROME, Ark.—If a girl of sixteen, in the seventh grade, wanted to leave school and go to work

Try It Three Times Free!

Dr Caldwell will send you a trial bottle of his famous Syrup Pepsin free of charge, enough to relieve three stubborn attacks of constipation.

SEND HIM YOUR ADDRESS TODAY FOR YOUR FREE TRIAL BOTTLE

PEOPLE who are occasionally or habitually constipated will be glad to know of a remedy that brings quick relief; and to dispel all question and doubt I will send a small bottle, enough to relieve three attacks of constipation, free of charge. I ask no money or promise of money, just your name and address in the most convenient way for you.

What I will send you is a compound of Egyptian Senna and other simple laxative herbs with pepsin, known to druggists as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. I have been making it for 29 years, and it is today the largest selling liquid laxative in the world. You can buy it in any drug store. A dose would cost you less than a cent, and a bottle will last even a large family several months.

My object in sending free trial bottles is to prove to skeptics and doubters, at my own expense, that my Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a different laxative from any other you may ever have tried. I want to prove that it will relieve any case of constipation, no matter how old, chronic or stubborn; that it will help to regulate your system so that medicines can in time be altogether dispensed with; that it is smoother and pleasanter than others; that it does not pain or gripe.

Thousands of people after using Syrup Pepsin promptly discarded strong physics, cathartics and purgatives; pills, salt waters, calomel, coal tar drugs in candy form and such things. They wrench the system and cause a reaction worse than before. My Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin operates gently and smoothly, and is safe. That is why over 8,000,000 bottles were bought in drug stores last year, several million by mothers who gave them to constipated infants and children. Elderly people, too, prefer mild Syrup Pepsin, for they have not the strength to stand power-



DR. W. B. CALDWELL who will send three trials of his Syrup Pepsin free of all cost

ful drugs. This is especially gratifying to me, as I know the troubles of the old, being myself in the 83d year of my age.

There is someone in every family who should send for the trial bottle that I offer free, and parents should send in behalf of the children. Send for it if there is constipation only now and then, and keep the free bottle until it is needed; send for it if there is chronic constipation, and use it at once; send for it if someone is subject to headaches, biliousness, feverishness, loss of appetite, dyspepsia, restlessness, sleeplessness, indigestion, sniffing and colds, for even common colds are complicated with constipation.

CLIP AND MAIL

Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 553 Washington St., Monticello, Illinois.
Send me a trial bottle of your Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin free of all cost. I or some one in the family will give it a trial the next time there is constipation.

Your name
Address
City State
If you prefer, simply send your name and address on a postcard or in a letter. I will understand.

to clothe herself, should she do it if her parents objected? If the parents of this girl were able to give her sufficient clothes to cover her in a decent manner then she should be glad to stay in school and to study hard. Of course if she has absolutely no clothing what- ever then I suppose she should go to work long enough to earn money to dress herself in a comfortable manner. According to the way some of the girls dress it ought not to take so much time to earn money enough for that. (2) If your parents object to your writing to a certain boy, then don't write to him. The fact that he sends you the necessary postage doesn't make it right.

WORKED BLUE EYES, North Carolina.—It is only natural that he should wish to spend Sundays with his uncle, since the uncle gave him a home and education. You wouldn't have him ungrateful, would you? For that matter, you haven't given him so much encouragement. You should have answered him more kindly, at least, though I do think he should have expressed his love for you before asking if you cared for him. Don't worry, everything will be all right.

There, we had a nice little chat, didn't we? I've enjoyed it and hope you have.
Sincerely, COUSIN MARION.

How to Clean a Steel Knife

THE so-called tarnishing of steel knives is the result as much of the wrong method of cleaning as it is of a chemical decomposition of the surface of the blade, according to official advice from the American Cutlery Bureau of Information. A badly-polished steel knife will show more easily the effect of tarnishing than will one that has been well cleaned and polished before use. Experience, in fact, has proven that the best-polished American steel knives, made of high-class steel, are less inclined to tarnish than those of inferior quality.

All tarnishing of steel knives can be avoided if the knives are cleaned immediately after use. The chemical action of the acids which causes tarnishing requires a certain time to accomplish its purpose and the quicker it is interrupted the better it is for the future use of the knife. Do not leave steel knives lying uncleaned over night. Rinse the blade carefully in hot water after use and wipe it dry with a clean cloth. This will destroy the acids. If there is time, polish the blade with a fine powder polish. The polish upon the blade of a good steel knife is produced by very rapid friction which makes the surface of the blade absolutely smooth until it shines as does the polish on high-class furniture or glass.

Acids destroy the smoothness of the surface and eat not only into the polish but create small indentations in which food will decompose and help to make the tarnishing of the blade permanent. Many machines and appliances for polishing knives are sold. The best to use, however, is an ordinary bottle cork and some fine polishing powder. No appliance can replace the sensitiveness of the hand and a few rubbings with the cork will not only remove all the uncleanness from the blade but also renew the polish which is its natural protector. Before polishing, rinse the blade thoroughly with warm water and dry it. After polishing, a renewed rinsing and careful drying will remove the remains of the polishing powder. The essential purpose of a knife is to cut. Buying cheap cutlery is false economy. Ask your dealer for the best table cutlery made in America.

ALL THIS FREE
Gold-plated Lavalliere and Chain, pair Earrings, Gold-plated Expansion Bracelet with 100 Watch, guaranteed quality and 3 Gold-plated Rings ALL FREE for sending only 15 pieces for selling at 10 cents each. EAGLE WATCH CO., Dept. 15, East Boston, Mass.

FLASHLIGHT GIVEN
Everybody wants one. Send 10c per large pack. Easy to sell. EARN BIG MONEY or premiums. We trust you with seeds until sold. Address: AMERICAN SEED COMPANY, Lancaster, Pa. Box 32, 60.

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Watch and Ring given. We positively give a genuine Stem Wind, Stem Set Watch, Beautifully Engraved Case, guaranteed time-keeper, for selling only 15c of our Large, Beautifully Colored Art and Religious Pictures at 10c each. Order 25 pictures. We trust you. When sold, return money collected, and this Watch and Handmade Stone Set Ring are yours. It's easy our way. BARR MFG. CO., 1200 Riverside Ave., CHICAGO, Dept. 101.

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This special sweet toned Violin given for selling two lots of 20 pictures at 10 cents each. Order 20 pictures, when sold send the \$2.00 and choose Violin or other prize according to big list sent with pictures. BAY ART CO., DEPT. 48, CHICAGO, ILL.

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Eastman Camera Load and unload in daylight. Take pictures 2-1/4 x 3-1/4, sharp, clear and distinct. Includes Kodak Pictures Garden Spot Board at 10c a picture and Camera. Is yours. Send no money. Write now. Lancaster Co. Seed Co., Dept. 59, PARADISE, PA.

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HAVE YOUR OWN "MOVIE" Genuine American Moving Picture Machine complete with film, given free for selling 30 sets Colored Postcards at 10c each. You can earn money giving shows at your own home. Write today. COLUMBIA NOVELTY CO., Dept. 658, East Boston, Mass.

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MAKE MONEY SELLING GLASSES
Prescriptions filled—Broken lenses duplicated. Send for Catalog. COULTER OPTICAL CO., Dept. B, Chicago

ALL THIS JEWELRY FREE
This "Lucky Tiger" CHARM with 36-inch silk Cord, this IN. WRIST WATCH with adjustable leather strap and buckle, this pair of sparkling, pierceless EARRINGS, 3 Gold plated RINGS and this handsome 36-inch Oriental Rice Bead NECKLACE with Tassel Beaded Drop. We give ALL these 7 articles FREE for selling only 12 Jewelry Novelties at 10 cents each. Send today. We trust you and treat you square. C. W. HEAD MFG. CO., Providence, R. I.



54 Inch Rope of Pearls

Reward No. 9882

Full Opera Length

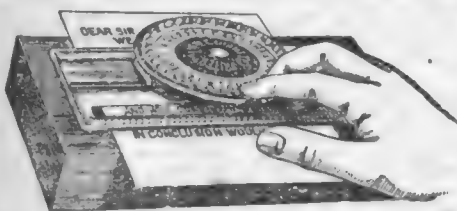
THE dream of every woman and girl is to possess her own necklace of gleaming, iridescent pearls. There's a wonderful charm about them—a beauty that appeals to every feminine heart.

Now your dream can come true—for we are giving away this handsome, full opera length rope of Parisian pearls. It is 54 inches long, all the pearls are of uniform size—1/4 inch in diameter—of perfect finish and luster, far handsomer than the ordinary imitation pearl necklace sold at a high price. It can easily be wound twice around the neck, making the double rope as shown in our illustration.

By rare good luck we secured first choice of these necklaces from a large importer and at a price that enables us to give them for an unusually small club. Please read the following offer and learn how you can get a beautiful, 54-inch rope of pearls free of all cost.

Given To You! For only two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50c each, we will send you this handsome, opera length Pearl Necklace free by parcel post prepaid. Reward No. 9882.

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Little Giant Typewriter

A REAL machine that writes very distinctly. Has every letter in the alphabet, all the numerals from 1 to 10 and punctuation marks. Uses any size letter paper up to 6 inches wide. For correspondence, making out invoices, statements, addressing envelopes, etc., this machine will do the work well. It is very easy to operate. In fact, a child can write on it after a little practice.

Given To You! For three one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each we will send you this Typewriter free and prepaid. Reward No. 8853.

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Silver Bonbon Dish

THIS beautiful dish can be used for a variety of purposes—for candy, nuts, salted peanuts, popcorn, etc. It is much larger than it appears in the above illustration, measuring over five inches in width and two inches deep. It is heavily silver plated outside and gold lined. Needless to say, it makes a handsome ornament for the sideboard and will last a lifetime.

We will send you this handsome Silver Bonbon Dish free upon the terms of the following special offer.

Given To You! For two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50c each we will send you this Silver Plated, Gold Lined Bonbon Dish free by parcel post prepaid. Reward No. 9942.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.



Ivory White Toilet Set

Comb Brush Mirror

For A Club Of Six

PURE white, with a fine smooth finish, this handsome Comb, Brush and Mirror Set equals in appearance the finest French Ivory. The Comb is 7 1/2 inches long, very light and dainty, with both coarse and fine teeth. The Brush is 10 inches long and 2 1/2 inches wide, with medium-length, finest, stiff bristles. The Mirror, which measures 10 1/2 inches, is made of heavy, flawless, beveled French glass, 4 1/2 inches in diameter.

No lady could wish for a finer Toilet Set than this one. It has the air of refinement found in the highest grade Ivory Sets, it is just as durable and can be cleaned as often as desired without injury to its smooth ivory white finish.

We will give you, free, this fine Ivory White Comb, Brush and Mirror Set in a fitted box upon the terms of the following special offer.

Given To You! For six one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50c each, we will send you this Comb, Brush and Mirror Set in a fitted box, free, by parcel post, prepaid. Reward No. 7796.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.



Plant This Grand Fruit Orchard!

For A Club Of Only Two We Will Send You Seventeen Apple And Pear Tree Grafts, Berry Bushes And Grape Vines!

LAST season we sent out nearly twenty-five thousand of these Orchard Collections to COMFORT readers. So far as we know, not one of them failed to grow. This season we expect to give away fifty thousand. We buy these Collections from a nursery man who has been in business for years and who has the reputation of producing some of the finest nursery stock to be obtained anywhere. He personally selects the different varieties that make up these Collections and forwards them direct to our readers by prepaid parcel post. He Guarantees Every Collection. If any of the trees, bushes or vines fail to grow satisfactorily they will be replaced for you free of all charge.

Here Is What You Get!

ONE Snow Apple Tree, One Wealthy Apple Tree, One Kieffer Pear Tree, One Bartlett Pear Tree, Two Lucratta Dewberry Bushes, Two Rex Raspberry Bushes, Three Niagara Grape Vines, Three Delaware Grape Vines, Three Concord Grape Vines.

The four Apple and Pear Tree grafts are one foot high, grafted from bearing trees with good records. They will take root as soon as planted and grow rapidly into vigorous, healthy trees.

The nine Grape Vines are a product of Southern Michigan, where the finest grapes in the world are grown. From selected vines, cuttings are taken and buried in underground pits until they undergo a process known as "callousing." After being properly "calloused," the cuttings will take root as soon as planted. The "calloused" Grape Cuttings in this Collection are all produced in this manner. They will grow rapidly and bear immense crops of choice grapes almost as soon as large vines planted at the same time.

The two Raspberry Bushes and two Dewberry Bushes are robust, one-year-old youngsters, ready to set out as soon as you receive them. They will begin growing at once and develop into fine, heavy-bearing bushes if given proper attention.

All Will Bear Soon!

This Fine Fruit Orchard will prove an ever-increasing source of pleasure and profit to you year after year. All the trees, vines and bushes will bear fruit in a remarkably short time. In two years the Raspberry and Dewberry bushes will commence bearing. The following year you will have grapes. The Apple and Pear Trees will begin to bear in from three to five years. Then you will have loads and loads of fine fruit in increasing quantity every year.

Full Planting Instructions!

WITH this Orchard Collection you will also receive instructions for planting. These directions are illustrated with pictures and diagrams showing you just what to do and when and how to do it. By following these simple directions you should in a few years have one of the finest orchards in your neighborhood.

They Are Sure To Grow!

REMEMBER, everything in this Collection is absolutely guaranteed to grow. We stand behind every Collection sent out and the grower in turn stands behind us. You may rest assured that this splendid Collection will reach you in good condition and grow to your entire satisfaction if the directions for planting are carefully followed. If any of the trees, bushes or vines fail to make growth satisfactory to you, we hereby guarantee to replace them absolutely without charge. You run absolutely no risk in accepting this offer.

Our Free Offer!

FOR a club of only two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each we will give you this remarkable Fruit and Orchard Collection free—the two Apple Trees, two Pear Trees, two Dewberry Bushes, two Raspberry Bushes and nine Grape Vines. The whole Collection will be carefully wrapped and sent to you prepaid by parcel post, direct from the grower at the proper time for planting in your locality. Remember we guarantee that everything will reach you in perfect condition. Be sure to send in your order this very day and ask for Reward No. 9842.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine



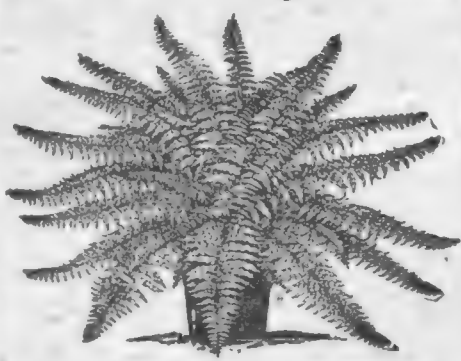
2-Piece Toilet Set

THIS is a good grade Toilet Set, consisting of comb and brush. The comb is seven inches long, with coarse and fine teeth, and comes in the new popular "Malachite" green finish. The brush is nine inches long, two and a half inches wide, with firm white bristles, and is finished in the same beautiful "Malachite" green, with a silverine shield on the back. We have given away thousands of these sets and it never fails to please.

Given To You! For two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each we will send you this Comb and Brush Set free and prepaid. Reward No. 9982.

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Three Lovely Ferns



THEY are the largest, handsomest varieties ever grown for house culture—the Roosevelt, the Boston or "Fountain" fern, and the Whitman or "Ostrich Plume" fern. We guarantee these ferns to be strong, healthy and well rooted, and that they will reach you in perfect condition, ready to pot. If any of them fail to grow, we will cheerfully replace them free of charge. We are able to illustrate but one variety, "The Roosevelt," but remember you get all three ferns free on this offer.

Given To You! For one one-year subscription (not your own) to COMFORT at 50 cents we will send you the above described collection of three beautiful ferns free by parcel post prepaid. Reward No. 8881.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.



31-Piece Dinner Set

THIS splendid set of dishes is full size for family use and consists of 6 Plates, 6 Cups, 6 Saucers, 6 Cereal or Fruit Dishes, 6 Individual Butters and large Meat Platter all handsomely decorated with clusters of purple wood violets surrounded with rich green foliage and bordered with lovely tracings of gold. Our illustration gives you no idea of the real beauty of these dishes. This is by far the handsomest, daintiest dinner set we have ever offered and we are positive that it will more than please every woman who secures one of them on the terms of our very liberal offer. No matter where you live (if it is not outside the United States), we will ship you this set by express direct from the pottery in Ohio. You are to pay the express charges, but they will be but a fraction of what this set would cost you at retail.

Given To You! For a club of only ten one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each we will send you this handsome 31-piece Violet Decorated Dinner Set carefully packed to prevent breakage, charges collect. Reward No. 75010.

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French Ivory Manicure Set In A Roll-Up Leather Case



Given For A Club Of Four!

A PRACTICAL and beautiful Set, containing everything necessary for the proper care of the nails. It consists of a 5-inch flexible polished steel nail file, a pair of 3 1/2-inch polished steel curved nail scissors, a 4-inch cutting knife with French Ivory handle, a 4-inch French Ivory nail stick, and a 4 1/2-inch nail polisher or buffer with French Ivory Top. All these articles are neatly contained in a moisture-resistant genuine leather case, measuring 5 1/2 inches wide and 8 inches from end to end when opened. The case rolls up as shown in illustration, and fastens with two snap clasps. In this form it resembles a miniature pocketbook, and is just as convenient to carry, as it measures only 5 1/2 x 2 inches and only 1 inch in thickness.

Although we offer this Manicure Set for an unusually small club, please understand that each and every piece is made of high grade and regulation size. We know that every woman and girl who accepts this offer earns one of these splendid Sets will be more than delighted with it. It is free on the terms of the following offer.

Given To You! For four one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50 cents each, we will send you this splendid French Ivory Manicure Set in a roll-up leather case free by parcel post prepaid. Reward No. 8124.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

"Peggy" The New Winter Doll



Do You Want Her?

PEGGY first saw the light of day in New York but she didn't like the big city with its noise and confusion and was mighty glad to come to Maine on a brief vacation before looking for a permanent home somewhere in the country.

She doesn't care where she lives so long as it is some cozy little town or on a nice, big farm, and wouldn't she can find some little girl who will be a kind mother to her. She just loves the horses and cows and doggies and kitties and—yes, even the little "piglets" make her laugh until she can hardly stand up.

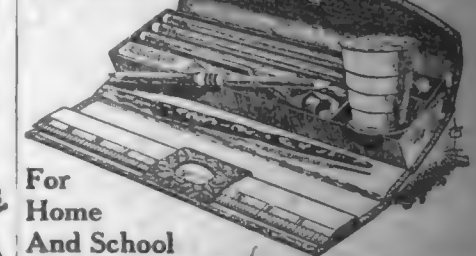
Peggy says that life on the farm is the only life for her, so we want to give her to some little girl who lives on a farm, where she can romp and play to her heart's content and be happy all day long. Please remember, however, that we have but a limited number of these Dolls on hand and if you want one your order should be sent in at once.

A New York manufacturer who wanted to keep his bells busy during the dull season sold us these Dolls at about one-half the regular wholesale price, so we are enabled to give them away for almost nothing.

Given To You! For one one-year subscription (not your own) to COMFORT at 50 cents we will send you "Peggy" free by parcel post prepaid. Reward No. 8621.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Writing And Drawing Outfit



For Home And School

In A Fine Leatherette Case

HERE is something that is needed in every home and by every schoolboy and schoolgirl—a big value-assortment of almost everything needed for writing and drawing. Our illustration is, of course, greatly reduced in size. The Case, which is made of fine leatherette, is 10 1/2 inches long and 2 1/2 inches wide. It is of the folding style, with a snap fastener, so that it can conveniently be carried in the pocket or in the children's lunch basket. Inside the Case there are three high-grade pencils with erasers, one good quality penholder with pen, one twin pencil (really two pencils in a combination holder), one pencil sharpener, one large rubber eraser, one 10-inch ruler and an aluminum collapsible drinking cup with cover.

This Outfit is manufactured by the American Lead Pencil Company, which is sufficient guarantee of its fine quality, and we know that it will please our readers, especially those who have children going to school, and of course it is just as handy in the home, because all the pencils, penholder, etc., are high grade and just what grown people like to use. If you will accept the following special offer we will send you one of these fine Outfits free.

Given To You! For only two one-year subscriptions to COMFORT at 50c each, we will send you this complete Writing and Drawing Outfit, exactly as above described, free by parcel post prepaid. Reward No. 9972.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

Comfort's League of Cousins

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 35.)

Lena, you say you run races "coming from school," but you don't say anything about running to school. Yet I suppose it is just possible that you are in more of a rush to get home than you are to arrive at the Arcola Arcanum to which you travel daily for the absorption of wisdom. I'm sure glad you have never yet been hurt when you have been "thrown off" during your races, Lena. This speaks well for your "tuff"-ness, but it is almost mighty tough on your school spelling book or dictionary which apparently must have also been thrown off when you came a cropper in one of your racing spills. Lena, you want to keep a tight hold on your spelling lessons and grammar drills if you intend to graduate from high school two short years from now. Examination papers cannot be answered by intention and there might be a few tough questions thrown in which you would find it hard to answer. I see that you expect your course in corn gathering to last longer than your school work. If you buy any of the finely scalloped, needle-pointed shoes I see exhibited in shop windows nowadays, I am sure you will be able to keep on corn gathering the balance of your young and old days. Billy, who is fearfully literal and most serious-minded, says that you mean yellow field corn or sweet corn, and not pink toe corns. Perhaps he is right and you do mean that you spend your vacation in stacking together the crop that always runs Missouri's corn score into the millions of bushels each year. If you do mean this, I'll say that you took a very useful way to pass a part of your summer and that perhaps your diploma may be won at some shocking moment this winter when a red ear turns up as part of your vacation-gathered crop.

Lena, you want your age to be discovered: I'm going to guess you are not over sixteen—and if I'm wrong it will prove that I am a "tuff" guesser and that your letter has "thrown" me completely off the track.

FLETCHER, N. C.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA:

I wonder if you would let a little orphan be one of your nephews? I am a little boy nine years old, kindly small for my age, but I feel that I will make a big man some day. My mother and daddy are both dead. They have been dead six and seven years. I have two brothers; one is grown and the other thinks he is, but he isn't. I have just one sister and we all live together. Big Brother works, while other brother and I go to school. I am in the third grade but I can't write good and plain, so someone else does my writing. I have two tame rabbits and some little chickens. We have two pigs and three kittens that are my playmates. Sometimes I don't get much chance to play as I have to get wood evenings. If I see my letter in print I will write again sometime. My sister has taken COMFORT for a long time and I love to hear her read aloud the letters from the other cousins. So I will close for this once, hoping I have made no bad mistakes in this letter. Best wishes from one among the new cousins.

Your loving nephew, JOHNNIE LANNING.

Johnnie, my boy, you may have to get along with less fathers and mothers than most boys own, but it is sure that you have more cousins in your family—and I know for certain that you have one Uncle who loves you a lot. I am delighted to hear that you are "kindly small," Johnnie. For I am sorry to say there are too many folks in this world who are not entitled to be called this; instead they are "smallly kind"—which is a very different thing indeed, and not nearly so nice. When you get to be that "big man" you hope to grow to become, I am sure you will then want to be "kindly large," and will try to love all the two-legged human friends and playmates you meet in life just as much as you love the four-legged playfellows you have now. Kindness is the best human currency in the world, John; although banks have a funny way of not accepting it—which of course only makes it all the worse for banks and bankers. For just look at the banks now: they are all fussing and fuming about rates of exchange and depreciated currencies and gold supplies—and all sorts of queer things which show how worthless and unstable is all this money they handle so carefully! While to start out with only a small supply of the Legal Tender of Love is to have the foundation of a real wealth that cannot reduce in value, but must always pass current at a true standard in the affairs of men.

I'm glad you like to hear the letters of other cousins read to you from the pages of COMFORT, Johnnie. You must have your sister read to you your own letter now that it is in print; it will make that badly-mistaken "grown-up" brother of yours see that you can do other things beside keeping the wood-box filled.

PARKER, NEVADA.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA AND COUSINS:

Aren't we a big family? and a happy one, too! I have been a subscriber to COMFORT for four years and couldn't possibly do without the paper. I enjoy the cousins' letters immensely, and your answers, Uncle Lisha.

I live on a small ranch in the most sparsely settled section of Nevada. Our nearest town, that can boast the name of a town, is a hundred miles from here. This part of the state is a farming and stock-raising region. We are rather behind the times, although we have one tractor in the valley. At present that lone-some tractor is busy threshing grain.

I love the wonderful outdoors and the pure fresh air—of which we have plenty. I have two cows, two pigs and one little puppy which are all my own. Don't you think I am rather rich considering the hard times? Although I am quite old, I'm still very much of a tomboy, and if Billy the Goat doesn't eat this letter I'll give him and the cousins a description of my elder-berrying-trip last fall. I'll bet some of you would laugh if you knew about it.

I would like to correspond with some cousin—preferably a rural school teacher between the ages of twenty and twenty-five. My own age is somewhere between these two mileposts. As most of the cousins describe themselves, I will do likewise: I'm five feet, six inches short; weigh 124 pounds and have dark hair and gray eyes. I couldn't be classed among the beautiful and have a frowning expression—so my enemies tell me. I think differently.

With best love to the cousins and all, I am,

A New Cousin, GRUMBLES.

There was not a bit of grumbling in any part of your letter, Jumbles, so I am refusing to call you by your unsuitable and unhappy-sounding pen-name, and am giving you one much sweeter to the tongue. You may feel a little lonely at times, Jumbles, when you think of your nearest real town being a hundred miles away, but I don't know but that these wide spaces are better than having a town a hundred miles around you—as is about the case with Billy and me. Our great cities are so crowded—particularly New York—that people get in each other's way to mutual loss and inconvenience. In our big towns civilization has grown cumbersome and trips itself up. In New York City today the transportation situation is a shame and a horror and the workers cannot be carried to and from their places of labor without suffering conditions of crowding that would disgrace any train of cattle cars. And as for that pure air of the wide West of which you have such a plentiful supply—here in our jam-packed metropolis we have to breathe a mixture of dust, gasoline and smoke. I said breathe, but one can only try. The stuff is too thick to go down. Those whose lungs are not strong enough to filter the poisonous mixture, drop out rapidly with pneumonia, grip or tuberculosis—but the rush goes on and medical science has to keep on the jump, and mostly two jumps behind, trying to cope with the ill-health and disease resulting from present-day living and housing conditions in our big cities.

Of course you are rich, Jumbles, with all your golden sunshine and fresh air and with two milk companies, two pork packing corporations, and

a performing dog all your own. You must have to pay a heavy income tax.

What do you raise on this ranch of yours, Jumbles? Borax, I suppose. I have always heard a lot about the huge crops of borax that are raised in Nevada. The white blossoms of the plant, with their foamy color and sweet, soapy smell, must look very beautiful when spread over broad acres of ranchland. There is one splendid thing about the raising of borax, Jumbles; the crop improves the condition of the land. In fact, experts have declared that borax is good for any kind of soil. I should like to see a borax field in full bloom and hope I may, some day. Other things that are raised in Nevada are gold and mining stocks and divorces. Nevada divorces are supposed to ripen early and to be of the best quality, and many Easterners travel way out to your state to get a fresh Reno brand Nevada divorce. I have always thought a good business might be developed in shipping these divorces Eastward in Refrigerator cars, for the demand is increasing each year and it is a crop that seems to be of rapid growth and easily, although rather expensively, cultivated. I have heard, also, of the great forests of sagebrush from which your state obtains so much of its lumber. I have always been fond of the flavor of sage in turkey "stuffin'" and I have thought it would be fine to own a small woodlot of sagebrush. Then one could gather up the dried leaves in the fall and have a plentiful supply of sage for the stuffing of holiday turkeys. Considering all these things, I think you live in a very interesting state, Jumbles. I hope you will write again, telling us more details about borax growing. Billy wants to know if soap chips are made from the dried wood of the mature borax plant.

JACKSONVILLE, R. R. 3, Box 2, Florida.

DEAR UNCLE LISHA:

In reading the letters in the August COMFORT I saw your reply to Ida Doris DeWitt and read where you wanted to know what a "cracker" is. From all I can find out there are two general kinds: those we eat and those that are real human beings. The way the name happened to be applied to native Floridians and Georgians is because the pioneers cracked and boiled corn until mills could be transported to the new homes.

Another name for Floridians is "Fly-up-the-creeks." I don't know why. I wonder if it wasn't because so many pirates would "fly up the creeks" away from other ships which for any reason they could not overhaul for booty. You know that in the early days of Florida a number of pirates infested our fair coasts, as the many creeks offered a safe retreat when a ship was in need of repairs. Many of our islands have a history that is connected with Gasparilla and his daring raids. There are several other notorious pirates linked with the history of Florida whose names I can't remember.

An honest-to-goodness "cracker" is just a native of Florida or Georgia. And you don't have to be broke to be a cracker. All you have to do is to be a native of this state. I know a number of wealthy men who are "crackers." If you are a "cracker" or "far-heel" and wish to become a "cracker," you must learn to eat big hominy, grits and bacon grease, and collards greens. You see the ancient custom I have referred to is held to in this initiation, for grits are finely-cracked corn with the husks removed.

I would like to hear from Evora if she would care to write to me. I can't promise to write an interesting letter, but I can promise to answer if she writes.

I'm nearly seventeen; fair, with brown hair and gray eyes. That's my description.

Uncle Lisha, I'm so glad you like gingerbread because I'm learning to bake it. I do most of the cooking when I am at home, but when school starts in, then mother is chef.

Sincerely your niece, CAROL MILLER.

I'm much obliged, Carol, for your authentic crumbs of information concerning "crackers," both broke and unbroke. But you have solved one mystery and left two others: What is a "sucker"? or a "far-heel"?—these strange creatures who can be magically changed into "crackers" by the sufficient consumption of hominy, bacon, grits and greens. I like broiled bacon, also big or little hominy and grits, Carol; so you see it won't be hard for me to be transformed into a "cracker"

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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Requests

Poem: "Life's Compass." Cure for rattlesnake bite. How to grow pond lilies from seeds. How to tan hides, such as skunk and opossum. Poems, "Life's Mirror," and "The Haunted Hunter." Wanted.—Poems, "Guilty or Not Guilty," and "Where's Mother?" Please publish in COMFORT. Wanted.—Poems, "Which Loved Best," and "Little Boy Blue," with date of birth and death of author.

My husband suffers greatly from rheumatism. Any cure would be appreciated.—Mrs. CHAS. BARRY, Sparta, Mich.

I would like to get music, "Wedding of the Winds." Write first.—Miss ELSIE V. GREEN, Colburn, P. O. Box 28, Idaho.

How to get rid of lice on turnip greens. The small green lice stick to the under side of the leaf and cause it to die.

Will some one please send me the August and September 1917 numbers of COMFORT.—Mrs. J. W. Davidson, Stonington, Colo.

I would like to correspond with middle-aged sisters from Ohio and New Jersey.—Mrs. W. H. ARLINS, Knappa, R. R. 1, Oregon.

How to make different kinds of sausage, mince-meat and otherwise care for beef and pork so that it will keep for five or six months.

I wish very much to get the September COMFORT for 1920. Will pay postage. Please write first.—Mrs. ALLEN SPRAGUE, East New Portland, Maine.

Mrs. Harvey Smith, Silver Lake, Ind., would like July, August, September and October numbers of COMFORT for 1921. Will return favor. Write first.

Will the sister who sent in the recipe for eczema, where Princess Pine is used, please send her address to Mrs. W. H. Seibert, Modesto, R. A., Box 172, Calif.

I got grease spots on black and white checked cotton dress. Used tar soap to remove the spots but the white checks have turned brown. Can anyone tell me how to remove those stains?—READER.

Remedies

BURNS.—Make a paste of flour and water as quickly as possible and spread over burn.—Mrs. LAURA FRYER, Williamstown, Vt.

WARTS.—Two parts of mutton suet, one part of turpentine. Apply to warts every other night.—Mrs. CARRIE L. WILLS, Brownville, Neb.

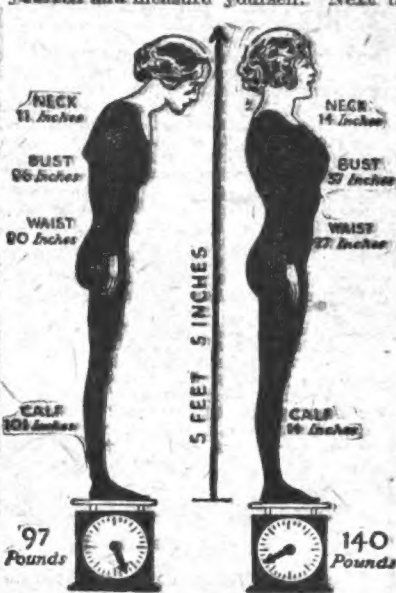
CORNS.—Equal parts of beef tallow, sugar and ordinary kitchen soap, worked into a salve. Bind on corns with small piece of adhesive tape. This takes away the soreness.—SUNNY ALABAMA.

For the benefit of many who wrote, but did not enclose postage: Liverwort, also known as Tree-Foil, Silver-Leaf (Hepatica Triloba), is a small plant from six to ten inches high, has three-lobed leaf on each stem and purplish white blossoms. Found in timberlands on south hillside. Used for lung affections, coughs, bleeding lungs, liver complaint and early stages of consumption. The whole plant is used, it being an innocent herb. May be taken freely in infusion or syrup. Iceland moss can be bought in drug and grocery stores. Used when cooked when it forms what is known as blanch-mange. Good for food. The plant has been used successfully in dyspepsia and as a nutrient tonic in low stages of consumption. As a demulcent it is used in coughs and bronchitis. In these difficulties use an equal proportion of liverwort. It is prepared by adding a handful of the moss to a pint of boiling water. Let stand two or three hours, strain, sweeten with honey and drink freely.—Mrs. ALLIE CHOWLER, Eureka, P. O. Box 550, Calif.

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7. Place pigs along sow's side where they will readily find teats and begin to nurse. If this can be done without disturbing or exciting her, and it should be done this way, the greatest danger period is safely past.

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Questions and Answers

WIREWORMS: PLANT LICE.—I have a piece of land which I wish to plant in corn the coming spring, but am bothered by a little worm, called wireworm, and by little green lice, and would like to know what to do to the ground to control them.

A.—If the common wireworm, the slender and active larva of the "click beetle," has given you trouble on this same piece of land in the past, then we advise strongly against planting it to corn this season. Turning under a heavy covering of manure or of a green cover crop, to add humus to the land, then planting to some crop such as small grains, clover, cowpeas, soy beans, or grasses that do not require summer cultivation, is the commonest and most successful means of fighting this pest. If corn must be grown on land known to be infested, plant the crop as early as possible (say about the fifteenth of April in your locality) and hasten rapid growth and early maturity by frequent cultivating. Leave the stubble unplowed until late fall after the crop has been harvested. Do not plant corn two years in succession on the same land if it can be avoided. (b) The green lice you mention are very likely aphids or plant lice, by which all crops are more or less subject to attack, especially if their strength and vitality has already been lessened by some other cause. Strong and healthy crops suffer less than poor crops on infertile land. Spraying a corn crop with a contact insecticide would of course be out of the question; this control measure is suitable only to garden truck, etc. Late fall or early spring plowing to destroy aphid eggs and the adult insects that are kept over from season

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Comfort's League of Cousins

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If I ever get as far South as your sun-soaked country, "Collards greens" sounds rather indigestible, but perhaps I can get Billy to pass this part of the initiation for me. Billy is all that I have ever cracked him up to be when it comes to putting away "reens."

I think I would rather be a "cracker" than a "fly up the creek." This last name would make me feel a little like a mosquito. By the way, Carol, I have a friend who tells me the Jacksonville mosquitoes are the most healthy, active and muscular of their charming kind. That may be because they get so much good exercise flying up and down the creeks and chasing their suppers of crackers and milk biscuits.

As for pirates, Carol, I don't think you have any more of these gentlemen in Florida than there are anywhere else—that is, if an exception is made regarding your hotel proprietors. I think it must be some of these Miami and Palm Beach desk-robbers that you refer to when you write about the "notorious pirates" who are "linked with the history of Florida." But then we have this sort of pirates right here in New York. I have often felt like chasing a New York hotel buccaneer so hard that he would go flying up the creek, street, elevator shaft, or any other handy place. I knew one particularly bold pirate who once demanded a ransom of ninety cents for a dish containing twelve strawberries that were selling outside of his pirate den at thirty-five cents a quart. I regret to say he has escaped and is yet unhung.

I am glad you are a real gingerbread baker, Carol. If you can make good ginger snaps you are surely qualified to call yourself a "fancy cracker." If I ever go to Florida, and can escape Gasparilla, Sarsaparilla, Miami-ella, Palm-beacharilla and all the other pirates who may come flying up and down the creeks upon me, I shall pay you a visit. You can arrange then for my initiation as a Florida "cracker," and while I'm waiting for the ceremony to begin, I'll sample your gingerbread and Billy will show you what he can do with a bushel or two of hot collard greens.

League Shut-in and Mercy Work for February

"Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these you have done it unto Me."

Written references from doctor and postmaster must positively accompany all appeals from shut-ins. Every month brings to me many letters which disregard this simple and necessary rule. Appeals unaccompanied by the references required will be destroyed.

Jane Vanconon, Pisgah, N. C. Aged, sick and crippled. A sorrowful case. Asks for quilt pieces, second-hand clothes and a dime shower. She deserves more than this. Mrs. Lucy Vernon, Price, N. C. A shut-in with a large family of children on her hands. Asks for clothes or other help. Noah Fulton, Sparta, Tenn. A crippled, entirely helpless lad of fourteen years. Send him letters and any cheer you can. Lulu Thornburg, Patterson, Mo. Helpless for 33 years and dependent upon outside support. A worthy sufferer. Mrs. George Minnix, Salem, R. I. Va. Has two little boys of five and three years. This poor woman has had to sell her furniture to pay her hospital bill. Clothing and money is the answer. Isaac Price, Lenoir, N. C. Confined to his bed with rheumatism for fifty years. An elderly wife his only aid. Help this poor cripple. Sarah J. Plunkett, Strieby, N. C. Invalid for many years with spinal complaint. A sad and well-recommended case. Give this suffering woman cash and clothing. John Robinson, Springfield, 1133 East Phillips Ave., Ill. An old man, blind, and crippled with rheumatism. He will need money to take him through the winter. He has struggled to help himself and deserves aid. A. McClinton, Trenton, Ga. An old man who is crippled by rheumatism and is "sad and lonely and feeble." Asks for letters so he may not feel entirely deserted and friendless.

The cold of winter means added suffering to all who are sick and needy. Your money, your cheer and other aid, means much now and can warm hearts and bodies that would otherwise rest chill and dark. During these days shut-ins are doubly shut-in. Every sufferer needs warm clothing. Food, fuel and medicines cost real money. It is yet a long way to spring and spring sunshine. Remember this when you make your gifts and give these poor souls a little sunlight now in the midst of a long winter.

Uncle Lisha

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Will appreciate your help in search of my daughter, Geneva, taken from an orphanage at Nashville, Tenn., 1906 or 1907. R. B. Robertson, Oakland, Tenn.

Wanted: To hear from anyone knowing the whereabouts of Joseph Blazer or wife. Address, J. V. Smith, Wallowa, Box 322, Oregon.

Will anyone knowing Daniel H. Bowers of Pennsylvania in the Civil War write Edna Thompson, Grandin, R. 1, Box 63, Mo.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Freeman Haindel please notify Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Haindel, Dansville, R. 1, Box 93, Mich.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Corper D. Heath, age 39 years, tall, dark complexion, please write Mrs. Ira Day, Harmony, N. C.

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Poultry Farming for Women

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Plenty of green feed in the form of lettuce leaves, sprouted oat tops, green clover or alfalfa must be supplied. Such material is termed succulence, carrying, as it does, a high water content. It adds to the palatability of the ration, making it more digestible and keeping the chicks hungry and healthy.

Correspondence

Subscribers are entitled to advice of our Poultry Editor, free, through the columns of this department. Address Poultry Editor, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine. BE SURE to give your full name and address, otherwise your letter will receive no attention.

H. K. D.—The usual cause for young chicks pecking each other, and hens pulling the feathers out of each other, is want of animal food and exercise. Give little chicks deep, fine litter to scratch in, and scatter chick feed over it to induce them to work, and you will have very little trouble with their pecking each other, especially if you give them milk to eat. For the old hens, add some meat scraps to their rations or nail up a piece of bacon rind or salt pork in the chicken house. It will keep them busy, and they may forget their bad habit. Then smear the feathers all round the places which have been picked with bitter aloes. Feather pulling is a bad habit; once acquired, it is difficult to check unless the birds are given something to attract their attention and keep them busy.

C. L.—The large house shown in COMFORT last December is fifty feet long and twenty-five feet wide, divided into pens by two-foot boards, and a wire above them. Dropping boards, roosts and nests run along the back wall of the house.

F. D.—I think if you had examined further you would have found the liver and heart affected, but I think it must have been a case of gastritis; but unfortunately you have not given me sufficient data to enable me to form any positive opinion.

C. D. D.—We have no stock for sale.

C. T.—The birds have scaly leg, which does not affect their health in any way but which looks disagreeable and of course should be got rid of. Fill a two-quart pail with warm, soapy water and hold the bird's feet and shanks in it for about ten minutes to soften the scales, then scrub with a soft brush and plenty of white soap. Wipe on a soft cloth, and while still warm and moist rub with carbolic ointment or a mixture of sulphur and lard, equal parts. In severe, long-standing cases, the treatment may have to be repeated twice or three times, allowing an interval of a week between treatments. The trouble is caused by a very small insect which bores under the skin. They frequently congregate, and even breed, in old perches and houses, so be careful to clean the perches while you are treating the birds.

W.—Plymouth Rocks are good general-purpose birds, but for your part of the country I think you would find Wyandottes better, especially as you want young birds of a good size to kill. Wyandottes have smaller bones than Plymouth Rocks and are fit for table use when ten or twelve weeks of age. Plymouth Rocks are apt to be skinny and tough. As you say you will have to build a yard, I conclude that you have only a restricted space for fowls. If that is so, a small flock well cared for will be the most profitable. The house which was used as an illustration in the August number of COMFORT, which you referred to, is a very good practical one, and you could build just one section of it at first, consisting of the roosting room, 6x12, and the scratching room, 9x12, and the next year add one or two more sections, as you may require. You ask for a description of the inside of a house. There is a tight board partition between the roosting room and the scratching room; a dropping board nine feet long and two and a half feet wide runs along the wall. It should be twelve inches from the floor. The roosting frame, which stands on it, is eight feet long and fourteen inches wide and has legs at each corner six inches high, which provides two roosts eight feet long and will comfortably accommodate fifteen hens. Nests can stand under the dropping board, and should be fifteen inches square, with front board nine inches high. The door into the scratching room at the end of the dropping board is a small square door at the bottom for the hens to go in and out. In your climate it will be quite practical for the house to stand on stilts but it will of course necessitate a tight floor, which would add materially to the expense.

The Modern Farmer

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to season in ants' nests—for the plant louse serves as the ant's cow—is perhaps the only control measure that will give good results. In this case, as in the above, rotation of crops is strongly advised.

CRAB-GRASS CONTROL.—How can I get rid of crab-grass in my lawn? The last year or two it has been crowding out the lawn grass in patches. Will it be necessary to spade up the lawn and seed over? Do the roots live over from year to year in the soil?

N. B., Ohio.

A.—Crab-grass is an annual, growing from seed alone. Each plant lives only one season, so the roots are not a menace as in the case of quack-grass. In fighting crab-grass make every effort to keep it from making seed. If this cannot be accomplished by close and frequent mowing, it is best to hoe out and burn the plants. Crab-grass seed lives over in the soil for more than one year; therefore it will come back in time unless carefully watched. Another thing to remember is that it makes its greatest growth in late summer and early fall when lawn grass is less active because of heat and drought. If lawns are fertilized well in fall or spring with rich barnyard manure to encourage a strong early growth of lawn grass, and then are frequently sprinkled in hot, dry weather, the crab-grass will not make near such rapid headway.

Six Wheel Chairs in January

626 Is COMFORT'S Total to Date

Our Wheel-Chair Department has made a good beginning of the new year by distributing six wheel chairs the first month. The six January chairs go to Jack Simmons, Kopperl, Texas, 17; Russell Harry Williams, Wyoming, Del.; Mary Jane Oneal, Spanish Port, Texas, 77; J. Smithson, Calico Rock, Ark., 65; Alice M. Huisenga, Wimbeldon, N. Dak., 63; C. A. C. Kopperl, Texas, 56. The figures following the respective names indicate the number of subscriptions (or subscription equivalent of cash) sent by them or by their friends for them.

Jack Simmons, age 30, a cripple from infancy never has been able to walk, but he can use his hands and so will be able to roll himself about in his COMFORT wheel chair which will be a great blessing to him and a help to his sister and her father in caring for him.

Russell Harry Williams, age 16, is crippled by spinal trouble and cannot walk or even stand, but has some use of his hands. Mrs. Maggie Niles, a neighbor, who procured the subscription for this boy's chair, writes me that "it will be a big help to the poor fellow."

Mary Jane Oneal, age 6, has been an invalid all her life and cannot walk. Her mother obtained the subscriptions for the little girl's chair.

Ina Smithson, age 24, writes that she has been crippled about four years and is dependent on her parents who are old, and therefore had no means of obtaining the wheel chair of which she is so much in need, except through COMFORT'S help.

Alice May Huisenga, age 9, about three years ago had infantile paralysis and spinal meningitis which left her crippled in all her limbs so that she cannot walk and has little or no use of her hands.

C. A. Cole, to whom the sixth January chair was sent, I know very little about except that he is a crippled shut-in very much in need of a wheel chair, as Mrs. G. R. Witt, who sent in nearly all the subscriptions for his chair, has not as yet sent me the requested information in regard to his case.

You will be interested in the picture of James Stanhope Love enjoying his COMFORT wheel chair, and in his good letter of thanks, both of which appear on this page.

The Wheel-Chair Club has set a good pace a January—let us try to keep it up through the year.

Sincerely yours,
W. H. GANNETT,
Publisher of COMFORT

P. S. For the information of our many new subscribers let me state that for each and every 150 one-year subscriptions to COMFORT, 50 cents each, sent in either singly or in clubs by persons who direct that they are to be credited to COMFORT'S WHEEL-CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premiums to which they would be entitled, I give a FIRST-CLASS INVALID WHEEL CHAIR to some needy crippled shut-in and pay the freight, too. It is a large and expensive premium for me to give for but number of subscriptions, but I am always glad to do my part a little better each month than you do yours.

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JAMES STANHOPE LOVE ENJOYING HIS COMFORT WHEEL CHAIR.

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Affectionately yours,
James Stanhope Love

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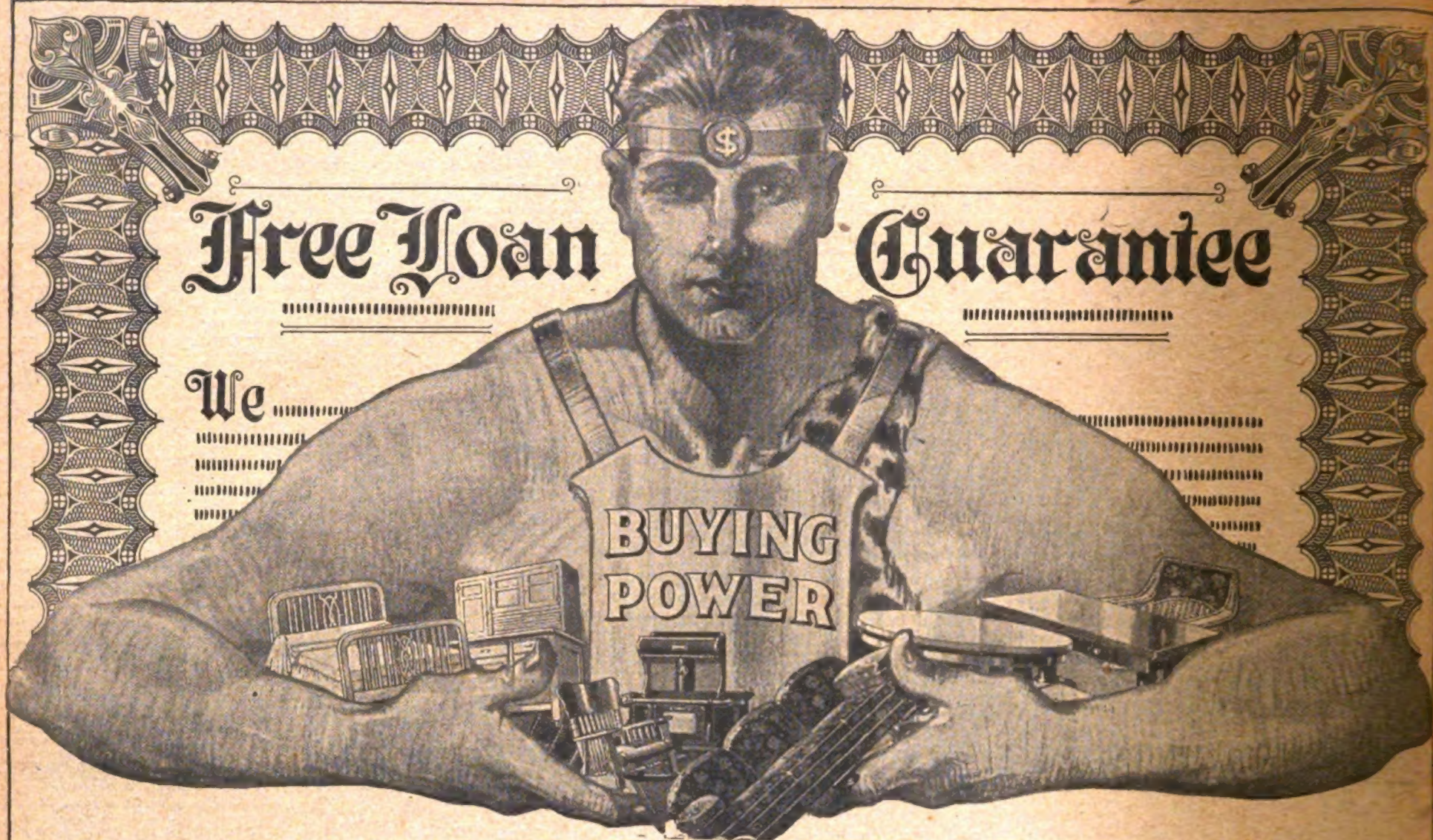
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